

SENATE RESOLUTION NO.102

Senators Geiss, Polehanki and Ananich offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to recognize February 24-28, 2020, as Public
2 Schools Week.

3 Whereas, 90 percent of American children attend public
4 schools; and

5 Whereas, Each public school prepares young people to
6 contribute to our society and economy; and

7 Whereas, Public education is the foundation of 21st century
8 democracy; and

9 Whereas, Public schools are where students come to be educated
10 as citizens of the United States; and

11 Whereas, Lawmakers should prioritize support for strengthening

1 public schools and empower local education leaders to implement,
2 manage, and lead school districts in partnership with educators,
3 parents, and other local education stakeholders and learning
4 communities; and

5 Whereas, Lawmakers should support necessities such as
6 counseling, extracurricular activities, and mental health support;
7 and

8 Whereas, Inclusive and safe, high-quality public schools are
9 where children learn to think critically, problem solve, and build
10 relationships; and

11 Whereas, Public schools provide an environment where all
12 students can succeed, beginning in their earliest years and
13 regardless of their background; and

14 Whereas, Every child has the right to a high-quality education
15 that helps them reach their full potential; and

16 Whereas, Every student in the United States should have
17 stable, equitable, predictable, and adequate funding to ensure
18 welcoming classrooms, school libraries with up-to-date resources,
19 and well-prepared and supported educators; and

20 Whereas, Educators include teachers, paraprofessionals, and
21 principals who provide a well-rounded, complete curriculum and
22 create joy in learning; and

23 Whereas, Our nation's school buildings should have class sizes
24 small enough to allow students to receive one-on-one attention; and

25 Whereas, Public schools should have access to support services
26 including health care, nutrition, and after-school programs; and

27 Whereas, Parents and communities are working hard to improve
28 educational outcomes for children across the United States; and

29 Whereas, Students, teachers, and professionals make public

1 schools vital components of the community; now, therefore, be it

2 Resolved by the Senate, That we recognize February 24-28,

3 2020, as Public Schools Week; and be it further

4 Resolved, That we call upon Michiganders to support efforts to

5 advance equity, continuously improve, and excel in public

6 education.