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Representatives & Sen. Delcollo & Sen. Sturgeon on
behalf of all Senators

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
150th GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18

DESIGNATING THE WEEK OF MARCH 25 - 31, 2019 AS "PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK".

1 WHEREAS, public education is the foundation of a 21st-century democracy; and

2 WHEREAS, the Nation's public schools are where students come to be educated as citizens of the United States;

3 and

4 WHEREAS, each public school prepares the Nation's young people to contribute to the society, economy, and
5 citizenry of the country; and

6 WHEREAS, 90 percent of American children attend public schools; and

7 WHEREAS, local, State, and Federal lawmakers should prioritize support for strengthening the Nation's public
8 schools and empower local education leaders to implement, manage, and lead school districts in partnership with educators,
9 parents, and other local education stakeholders and learning communities; and

10 WHEREAS, local, State, and Federal lawmakers should support such necessities as counseling, extracurricular
11 activities, and mental health supports that are critical to help students engage in learning; and

12 WHEREAS, inclusive and safe high-quality public schools are where children learn to think critically, problem
13 solve, and build relationships; and

14 WHEREAS, public schools should provide an environment where all students can succeed beginning in their
15 earliest years, regardless of who they are or where they live; and

16 WHEREAS, efforts should be supported to advance equity and excellence in public education and to implement
17 continuous improvement and evidence-based practices; and

18 WHEREAS, every child has the right to an education that helps them reach their full potential and to attend
19 schools that offer a high-quality educational experience; and

20 WHEREAS, stable, equitable, predictable, and adequate funding for great public schools for every student in
21 America is necessary to ensure that students have inviting classrooms and school libraries with up-to-date resources as well
22 as well-prepared and supported educators; and

23 WHEREAS, educators include teachers, paraprofessionals, and principals who provide a well-rounded and
24 complete curriculum and create joy in learning; and

25 WHEREAS, the Nation's school buildings should have class sizes small enough to allow students to receive one-
26 on-one attention and to access support services such as health care, nutrition, and after-school programs when needed; and

27 WHEREAS, students, teachers, and professionals make the Nation's public schools vital components of the
28 community; and

29 WHEREAS parents and communities are working hard to improve educational outcomes for children across the
30 country.

31 NOW, THEREFORE:

32 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 150th General Assembly of the State of Delaware, the
33 Senate concurring therein, that March 25 through 31, 2019, is hereby designated as "PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK", and the
34 State Legislature calls upon Delawareans to observe this week by supporting public schools.

SYNOPSIS

This Concurrent Resolution designates the week of March 25-31, 2018, as "PUBLIC SCHOOLS WEEK" and calls upon Delawareans to support public schools.