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Resolution Recognizing September as Attendance Awareness Month

WHEREAS: Good attendance matters for school success and developing the habit of attendance prepares students for success in college and career and in life.

WHEREAS: Chronic absence, defined as missing 10 percent or more of school for any reason, is a proven predictor of poor lower third-grade reading proficiency, course failure, and a leading indicator of students dropping out.

WHEREAS: In Colorado, the rate of unexcused/excused absences is increasing and 10 percent of students are classified as habitually truant. Results from the 2013 Colorado Healthy Kids Survey show that 23 percent of high school students skip school one or more days within a four week period.

WHEREAS: Low-income students are more likely to be chronically absent and face systemic barriers to getting to school such as unreliable transportation, chronic health issues, and poor nutrition.

WHEREAS: Mental health and social emotional problems and other health issues, as indicated in the 2013 Healthy Kids Colorado Survey, negatively impact school attendance.

WHEREAS: Effective strategies for improving attendance include monitoring attendance data, partnering with students, parents, grandparents, guardians and other family members and deploying resources that address health and nutrition, safety, transportation and other issues that may cause a student to repeatedly miss school.

NOW,
THEREFORE,



BE IT RESOLVED: That the Colorado State Board of Education recognizes September as “Attendance Awareness Month.”

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Colorado State Board of Education recognizes that good attendance is essential to student achievement and graduation and greater attention is needed to improve student attendance and reduce chronic absenteeism in Colorado schools.

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Colorado State Board of Education encourages every school district to set attendance goals, monitor absences and partner with families and communities to address barriers to attendance.

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Colorado State Board of Education encourages school districts and communities to join together in reducing chronic absenteeism and ensure an equitable opportunity for children to learn, grow, and thrive.

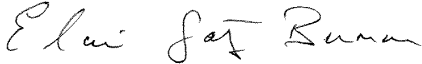
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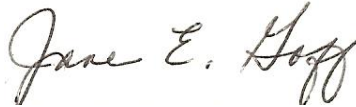
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