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S. RES. 870

Designating the week of September 15 through September 21, 2024, as
“Community School Coordinators Appreciation Week”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 25, 2024

Mr. BROWN (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Ms. HIRONO, and
Mr. HEINRICH) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to
the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

Designating the week of September 15 through September
21, 2024, as “Community School Coordinators Apprecia-
tion Week”.

Whereas community schools marshal, align, and unite the as-
sets, resources, and capacity of schools and communities
for the success of students, families, and communities;

Whereas community schools are an effective and evidence-
based strategy for school improvement included under
section 4625 of the Elementary and Secondary Education
Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7275), as added by section 4601
of the Every Student Succeeds Act (Public Law 114–95;
129 Stat. 2029);

Whereas community schools that provide integrated student
support, well-designed and expanded learning opportuni-

ties informed by rigorous community-connected classroom instruction, promote a culture of belonging and safety, and active family and community engagement that use collaborative leadership and practices have positive academic and non-academic outcomes, including—

(1) improvements in—

- (A) student attendance;
- (B) behavior;
- (C) academic achievement;
- (D) school readiness;
- (E) mental and physical health;
- (F) high school graduation rates; and
- (G) school climate; and

(2) reduced racial and economic achievement gaps;

Whereas community schools have the potential to help people of the United States from underserved communities, as indicated in a 2024 report;

Whereas a 2023 study found that mental health care provided through community schools addresses disparities through school-provided service and shows improved academic performance and student conduct, including reducing the number of school suspensions and disciplinary referrals;

Whereas a 2022 report found that community schools and the community as a whole produce a positive impact on student attendance, on-time grade progression, and credit accumulation for high school students;

Whereas community schools have a positive impact on meeting the basic needs of students, including nutritional services and access to comprehensive health services, as indicated in a 2024 report;

Whereas community schools provide a strong social return on investment, with one study citing a social return of between \$10 to \$15 for every dollar invested over a 3-year period;

Whereas community school coordinators—

(1) are essential to building successful community schools and creating, strengthening, and maintaining partnerships between community schools and their communities;

(2) facilitate and provide leadership for the collaborative process and development of a system of supports and opportunities for children, families, and others within the community of a school that allow all students to learn and the community to thrive; and

(3) deliver a strong monetary return on investment for community schools and their communities, with one study citing a return of \$7.11 for every dollar invested in the salary of a community school coordinator; and

Whereas Community School Coordinators Appreciation Week, celebrated from September 15 through September 21, 2024, recognizes, raises awareness of, and celebrates the thousands of community school coordinators across the country and the critical role of community school coordinators in the success of students: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates the week of September 15
3 through September 21, 2024, as “Community
4 School Coordinators Appreciation Week”;

1 (2) thanks community school coordinators for
2 the work they do to serve students, families, and
3 communities; and

4 (3) encourages students, parents, school admin-
5 istrators, and public officials to participate in events
6 that celebrate Community School Coordinators Ap-
7 preciation Week.

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