

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 239

Reps. Weiss, Aiyash, Garza, Haadsma, Koleszar, Kuppa, Morse, Rabhi, Rogers, Sabo, Sneller, Sowerby, Steenland and Thanedar offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to declare February 24, 2022, as Public Schools
2 Day in the state of Michigan.

3 Whereas, We acknowledge that February 21 through February 25,
4 2022 is National Public Schools Week; and

5 Whereas, Public education is the foundation of a 21st-century
6 democracy; and

7 Whereas, The nation's public schools are where students come
8 to be educated as citizens of the United States; and

9 Whereas, Each public school prepares our young people to
10 contribute to the society, economy, and citizenry of the country;
11 and

1 Whereas, Local, state, and federal lawmakers should prioritize
2 support for strengthening the nation's public schools and empower
3 local education leaders to implement, manage, and lead school
4 districts in partnership with educators, parents, and other local
5 education stakeholders and learning communities; and

6 Whereas, Policymakers should support such necessities as
7 counseling, extracurricular activities, and mental health supports
8 that are critical to help students engage in learning; and

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

12 Whereas, Public schools should provide an environment where
13 all students can succeed beginning in their earliest years,
14 regardless of who they are or where they live; and

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

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

21 Whereas, Stable, equitable, predictable, and adequate funding
22 for great public schools for every student in the United States is
23 necessary to ensure that students have inviting classrooms and
24 school libraries with up-to-date resources as well as well-prepared
25 and supported educators; and

26 Whereas, Educators include teachers, paraprofessionals,
27 principals, and support staff who provide a well-rounded and
28 complete curriculum and create joy in learning; and

29 Whereas, Students, teachers, professionals, and support staff

1 make the nation's public schools vital components of the community;
2 and

3 Whereas, Parents and communities are working hard to improve
4 educational outcomes for children across the country; now,
5 therefore be it

6 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
7 this legislative body declare February 24, 2022, as Public Schools
8 Day in the state of Michigan.