



Board of Education

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MILITARY-CONNECTED K-5 CHARTER SCHOOL

WHEREAS, more than 9,000 Arkansans demonstrate profound courage and selflessness through their service in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, more than 3,500 military-connected children attend public schools in the State of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, Fort Smith is home to a significant number of military families due to its proximity to the 188th Wing of the Arkansas Air National Guard and the Fort Chaffee Joint Maneuver Training Center; and

WHEREAS, more than 200 military-connected students are currently enrolled in the Fort Smith School District; and

WHEREAS, military children face unique challenges associated with frequent transitions and parental deployment; and

WHEREAS, military children and their families provide essential support and encouragement to members of the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, military children deserve recognition for the sacrifices they make and celebration for the resilience and courage they display as the children of our nation's service members; and

WHEREAS, the Fort Smith School District is committed to meeting the diverse needs of all students, with particular attention to those of military-connected youth;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fort Smith School District Board of Education recognizes and supports the establishment of the Global Innovation Academy at Bonneville Elementary, which will provide opportunities for advanced learning in mathematics, science, language, and career exploration;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Fort Smith School District will provide STEM-related experiences and Mandarin language acquisition opportunities designed to meet the needs of all students, especially those joining our community from military families.

PASSED this 27th day of April 2026

President of the Fort Smith School Board of Education

Date