

Resolution in Support of School Principals

Whereas the Illinois Principals Association has declared the month of October 2023 as “National Principals Month” in coordination with the efforts of the National Association of Elementary School Principals, the American Federation of School Administrators, and the National Association of Secondary School Principals, working with the U.S. Congress, to designate “National Principals Month” and resolutions thereof;

Whereas the week of October 15-21, 2023 is also proclaimed as Principal Appreciation Week and Friday, October 20, 2023 as Principal Appreciation Day in Illinois;

Whereas the vision, dedication, and determination of a principal provides the mobilizing force behind any school reform effort;

Whereas principals are expected to be educational visionaries, instructional leaders, assessment experts, disciplinarians, community builders, public relations experts, budget analysts, facility managers, special programs administrators, and guardians of various legal, contractual, and policy mandates and initiatives, as well as being entrusted with the education and development of young people, the most valuable resource;

Whereas principals will play a vital role in successful implementation of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA);

Whereas principals set the academic tone for their schools and work collaboratively with teachers to develop and maintain high curriculum standards, develop mission statements, and set performance goals and objectives for schools to achieve educational excellence;

Whereas the Bloomington School District 13 honors such exemplary elementary and middle level public, private, and independent school leaders committed to serving students from prekindergarten to grade eight (pre-K–8) in their profession;

Whereas the Bloomington School District 13 recognizes outstanding middle level and high school principals who have succeeded in providing high-quality learning opportunities for students, as well as their exemplary contributions to the profession;

Whereas to honor and recognize the contribution of all school principals and assistant principals at all grade levels to the success of students in Illinois elementary and secondary schools; and to encourage residents of Illinois to observe “National Principals Month” with appropriate ceremonies and activities that promote awareness of school leadership’s role in ensuring that every child has access to a high-quality education.

Be it resolved – in honor of the service of all elementary, middle level, and high school principals, and to recognize the importance of their school leadership so that every child has access to a high-quality education, and to celebrate school leader accomplishments, the Bloomington School District 13 recognizes the month of October 2023 as “Illinois Principals Month.”

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Bloomingdale School District 13 does hereby support October 20, 2023 as the PRINCIPAL APPRECIATION DAY, and encourages all staff members, students and their families to recognize the hard work and dedication put forth by their principals every day.

Unanimously passed and approved by the Board of Education of Bloomingdale School District 13, this 25th day of September, 2023.

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