



RESOLUTION #2020-2021-019

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE CELEBRATION OF
NATIONAL SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER WEEK IN THE
REYNOLDS SCHOOL DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, “Beacon of Hope: School Social Workers – Lighting the Way” is the School Social Workers Association of America’s theme for School Social Work Week 2021. In their important role in schools, social workers are able to light the way, emphasizing the whole child, collaborating with other professionals, linking students and families with needed services, and advocating for students;

WHEREAS, school social workers serve as vital members of a school’s education team, playing a central role in creating partnerships between the home, school, and community to ensure student academic success;

WHEREAS, 14 school social workers are employed with Reynolds School District to help students reach their full potential;

WHEREAS, school social workers are especially skilled in providing services to students who face serious challenges to school success including disability, poverty, discrimination, abuse, neglect, mental illness, homelessness, bullying, familiar stressors, and other barriers to learning;

WHEREAS, school social workers are more necessary now than in any time in recent memory, as more students are struggling with mental and behavioral health disorders, with nearly one in six children, two to eight years old (17.4%) having a diagnosed mental, behavioral, or developmental disorder, and 3.2% of children, three to 17 years old (approximately 1.9 million) have diagnosed depression;

WHEREAS, school social workers, being licensed mental health professionals in our schools, provide direct services and necessary assessment, interventions, counseling, family outreach, and community referrals;

WHEREAS, research indicates that school mental health programs improve educational outcomes by decreasing absences, dropout rates, and discipline referrals, while improving academic achievement;

WHEREAS, school mental health programs are critical to identification of, and early intervention for, mental health problems;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Reynolds School District publicly thanks our school social workers for the vital role they play in the lives of students in our school district.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Reynolds School District shall celebrate National School Social Worker Week from March 7-13, 2021.

Adopted this 24th day of February 2020.

Signed:


Chair, Reynolds School District Board of Directors

Attest:


Superintendent/Clerk