



PROCLAMATION

National School Social Work Week

WHEREAS, School Social Workers who are master's level trained professionals are dedicated to improving the well-being of thousands of children and their families each year; and

WHEREAS, The DeKalb County School District School Social Work Department has 53 social workers serving learning sites: and

WHEREAS, School Social Workers embody this year's Social Work Month theme "Social Work Breaks Barriers" embodies how school social workers help empower individuals, families, communities, and our society to overcome hurdles that prevent them from achieving better well-being; They are meaningful contributors to establishing and communicating a welcoming school environment. School Social Workers promote family involvement, respect, and uplift culture, listen with their ears and their heart, and foster safe and supportive school environments. They are employed to effect positive change with individuals, families, groups, and entire communities; and

WHEREAS, School Social Workers advocate and remove a number of barriers to learning by utilizing interventions to improve school attendance, behavior, and academic achievement; mobilizing family, school, and community resources to enable a child to learn as effectively as possible; alleviating stress by making connections for students, family, and school staff with appropriate interventions; providing crisis intervention and homelessness services, assessing students mental health concerns and making referrals where appropriate; identifying and reporting child abuse, neglect, and exploitation; conducting home visits; enhancing the professional capacity of school personnel; and assisting in implementing multi-tiered supports in schools where it is most needed; and

BY THIS ACTION, let it be known that the DeKalb County School District Board of Education and Interim Superintendent Dr. Vasanne Tinsley hereby proclaim March 5-11, 2023, as School Social Worker Week in the DeKalb County School District, and the members of this body commend the School Social Workers and its department for the work done to help provide supportive services to DeKalb's child and their families and improve DeKalb's education system. In witness whereof, we affix signatures on the 13th day of March 2023.



Mr. Diijon DaCosta Sr., Board Chair

Mrs. Deirdre P. Pierce, Vice Chair

Dr. Vasanne S. Tinsley, Interim Superintendent