



PROCLAMATION

— National School Psychology Week —

- WHEREAS: All children and youth learn best when they are healthy, supported, and receive an education that helps to develop their sense of belonging to a team at home and school; and
- WHEREAS: Schools can more effectively ensure that all students are able to learn and invest in their learning when they meet the needs of the whole child and to encourage and provide opportunities to be a part of a team; and
- WHEREAS: Children's mental health is directly linked to their learning and development, and the learning environment provides an optimal context to promote good mental health; and
- WHEREAS: Sound psychological principles are integral to instruction and learning, social and emotional development, prevention, early intervention, school safety, and supporting culturally diverse student populations; and
- WHEREAS: School psychology has over 60 years of well established, widely recognized and highly effective practices and standards that are clearly articulated in NASP's Model for Comprehensive and Integrated School Psychology Services; and
- WHEREAS: School psychologists are specially trained to deliver a continuum of mental health services and academic support that lowers barriers to teaching and learning; and
- WHEREAS: School psychologists are trained to assess student and school-based barriers to learning as well as individual strengths, utilize data-based decision-making, implement research-driven prevention and intervention strategies, and evaluate outcomes and improve accountability; and
- WHEREAS: Citizens of DeKalb County School District should recognize the vital role that school psychologists play in the personal and academic development of our District's children,
- THEREFORE: We, the DeKalb County Board of Education, do hereby proclaim November 11 – 15, 2024 as National School Psychology Week in DeKalb County School District.



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