



PROCLAMATION

— Exceptional Children's Week —

- WHEREAS: Exceptional children may be identified as students with autism spectrum disorder, emotional and behavioral disabilities, intellectual disabilities, orthopedic impairments, other health impairments, significant development delays, specific learning disabilities, speech/language impairments, traumatic brain injury, visual impairments, and those who are deaf/blind, deaf/hard of hearing who, by reason thereof, require special education and related services, and
- WHEREAS: Being consistent with the pursuit of achievement, it is essential that all children receive equal opportunities to education, and Exceptional children possess the same need to receive a high-quality education, and
- WHEREAS: Many DeKalb County students and community residents may not be aware of the needs and true potential of exceptional individuals, and
- WHEREAS: It is the intent of the DeKalb County School District to provide all students the opportunity to lead meaningful and productive lives, and
- WHEREAS: DeKalb County can be proud of its exemplary leadership and endless dedication to exceptional children, and
- WHEREAS: The Council for Exceptional Children, a professional organization that promotes the advancement and education of all exceptional persons, has helped and will continue to help make advancements in the field of special education; and
- THEREFORE: The DeKalb County Board of Education does hereby proclaim April 14 - April 18, 2025, as Exceptional Children's Week. In official recognition, whereof, we hereby affix our signatures, this 21st day of April, 2025.



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