



PROCLAMATION

SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK WEEK: MARCH 1-7, 2026

WHEREAS: For generations, social workers have strengthened individuals, families, and communities. School social workers play a critical role in removing barriers to learning and well-being by supporting students, families, and schools through complex challenges. Reflecting this mission, the DCSD Social Work Department's theme this year is **"I'm a School Social Worker: Sparking Change, Creating Impact."**

WHEREAS: School social work is nationally recognized through federal legislation such as the Elementary and Secondary Education Act and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. In DeKalb County School District, social workers serve across 131 schools, providing comprehensive support to elementary, middle, and high schools, as well as Student Services, GNETS, and S.A.F.E. Centers.

WHEREAS: The need for school social workers continues to grow as more students face mental and behavioral health challenges. Nearly one in six young children have a diagnosed mental, behavioral, or developmental disorder, while access to community-based services remains limited. School-based mental health services are essential for early identification, prevention, and timely intervention to support student well-being.

WHEREAS: School social workers deliver critical consultation, assessment, resources, and family support services that strengthen school safety and climate. With limited access to mental health care, school-based programs improve student outcomes by reducing absenteeism and discipline while increasing academic success.

THEREFORE: NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the DeKalb County School District:

1. Supports the designation of School Social Work Week.
2. Honors and recognizes the contributions of school social workers to the success and well-being of students across DeKalb County; and
3. Encourages the DeKalb County community to observe School Social Work Week through activities and recognition efforts that highlight the vital role of school social workers in schools and communities.




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