

Joint Resolution No. 20-02
Bayshore Elementary Board of Education
and
Bayshore Elementary Superintendent of Schools

Endorsing September 2020 as Attendance Awareness Month

Whereas, the Bayshore Elementary Board of Education and the Bayshore Elementary Superintendent of Schools value and recognize positive school attendance as a critical element for student success; and

Whereas, chronic absenteeism, defined as a student missing ten percent or more days of school, is one of the strongest indicators of future dropout; and

Whereas, nationwide, one out of ten students in kindergarten and first grade are chronically absent; and

Whereas, chronic absenteeism in kindergarten predicts low academic achievement in later grades. One study showed that three out of four students who are chronically absent in the sixth grade never graduate from high school; and

Whereas, it is crucial to address the problem of chronic absence with our youngest students before they slip off track academically and poor attendance habits become entrenched; and

Whereas, chronic absence is often overlooked because most schools only monitor average daily attendance and truancy rates, both of which can easily mask chronic absence; and

Whereas, increasing school attendance requires community-wide involvement and begins with an awareness of the cumulative negative effects of chronic absence on academic and social success;

Whereas, we are beginning the year in At-Home Distance Learning due to COVID-19, we recognize that attendance is just as essential during this process and we will ensure that we are supporting our students in our distance model;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Bayshore Elementary Board of Education and the Bayshore Superintendent of Schools hereby declare the month of September, 2019, as Attendance Awareness Month and support activities to increase awareness of the importance of daily attendance, especially in the early grades PK-3.

**BAYSHORE ELEMENTARY
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

**BAYSHORE ELEMENTARY
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Passed and Adopted on this
Fourteenth Day of August 2018

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