



National Magnet School Month Proclamation

WHEREAS, there are approximately 4,340 magnet or theme-based schools in the United States serving nearly 3.5 million students,

WHEREAS, magnet schools are the original form of public school choice and have played an integral role in promoting racial and socioeconomic integration since the landmark Supreme Court decision of *Brown v. Board of Education*,

WHEREAS, magnet schools are based on five pillars of success: Diversity, Innovative Curriculum and Professional Development, Academic Excellence, High Quality Instructional Systems, and Family and Community Partnerships,

WHEREAS, students who attend racially and socioeconomically diverse magnet schools have higher levels of 21st century skills and capabilities like critical thinking and the ability to communicate across different cultures. They are also more likely to reject stereotypes, adopt multiple perspectives, develop cross-racial friendships, and seek out diverse colleges and universities, workplaces, and neighborhoods,

WHEREAS, theme-based magnet schools provide families with a wide variety of public school choice options that nourish the individual talents and abilities of all students and prepare them for college and future careers,

WHEREAS, magnet schools offer high-quality, rigorous, and specialized programs in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM); Aerospace and Aviation; Medical and Health Science; Environmental Studies; Business, Finance, and Communications; Foreign Language; Performing and Visual Arts; International Baccalaureate (IB); Montessori, and many other theme-based curricula and pedagogies that meet the demands of the global economy,

WHEREAS, magnet schools are considered school turnaround models that boast higher academic achievement, attendance and graduation rates, student and teacher satisfaction, reduced disciplinary problems, and greater parental and community involvement,

WHEREAS, magnet school principals and teachers are responsible for providing vision and leadership in their schools and community and have unique skills, talents, and abilities that are developed through theme-based programming and professional development,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the month of February 2020 is National Magnet School Month, a time for the nation to celebrate school diversity and theme-based magnet programs by hosting events and activities that promote educational equity and excellence for all students.

