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S. RES. 621

Designating the week of February 23 through February 27, 2026, as
“National Public Schools Week”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 26, 2026

Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. REED, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. WELCH, Ms. SLOTKIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. LUJÁN, and Mr. KIM) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Designating the week of February 23 through February 27,
2026, as “National Public Schools Week”.

Whereas public education is a significant institution in a
21st-century democracy;

Whereas public schools in the United States educate students
about the values and beliefs that hold the individuals of
the United States together as a nation;

Whereas public schools prepare young individuals of the
United States to contribute to the society, economy, and
citizenry of the country;

Whereas 87 percent of children in the United States attend
public schools;

Whereas Federal, State, and local lawmakers should—

- (1) prioritize support for strengthening the public schools of the United States;
- (2) empower superintendents, principals, and other school leaders to implement, manage, and lead school districts and schools in partnership with educators, parents, and other local education stakeholders; and
- (3) support services and programs that are critical to helping students engage in learning, including counseling, extracurricular activities, and mental health support;

Whereas public schools should foster inclusive, safe, and high-quality environments in which children can learn to think critically, problem solve, and build relationships;

Whereas public schools should provide environments in which all students have the opportunity to succeed in their earliest years, regardless of who a student is or where a student lives;

Whereas Congress should support—

- (1) efforts to advance equal opportunity and excellence in public education;
- (2) efforts to implement evidence-based practices in public education; and
- (3) continuous improvements to public education;

Whereas every child should—

- (1) receive an education that helps the child reach the full potential of the child; and
- (2) attend a school that offers a high-quality educational experience;

Whereas Federal funding, in addition to State and local funds, supports the access of students to inviting class-

rooms, well-prepared educators, and services that support healthy students, such as nutritional and afterschool programs;

Whereas teachers, paraprofessionals, and principals should provide students with a well-rounded education and strive to create joy in learning;

Whereas superintendents, principals, other school leaders, teachers, paraprofessionals, and parents make public schools vital components of communities and are working hard to improve educational outcomes for children across the country; and

Whereas the week of February 23 through February 27, 2026, is an appropriate period to designate as “National Public Schools Week”: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the Senate designates the week of
- 2 February 23 through February 27, 2026 as “National
- 3 Public Schools Week”.

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