

State of Michigan
State Board of Education

RESOLUTION

PARENTING AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, the children of Michigan are the state's most valuable resource, and that all young people deserve the support of a society that demonstrates a commitment to helping children become happy, healthy, and drug-free; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education believes that the education of students is augmented by parental and family involvement in their children's education; and

WHEREAS, studies demonstrate that when parents are involved in their children's education, the attitudes, behaviors, and achievement of students are positively enhanced; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education's Family Involvement Policy adopted in May 1997 states that schools must welcome the public's involvement, and recognize and tap the strength and resources of all those who wish to participate with the schools in practical and tangible ways, and states that teacher training institutions also have a responsibility to provide training in family involvement; and

WHEREAS, good parenting involves showing children love, concern, and respect at all times, helping children express their feelings appropriately, listening to what children say, being responsible and teaching children to be responsible, and working with schools and communities to make them better for children; and

WHEREAS, informed parenting can help reduce social problems such as substance abuse, teenage pregnancy, unemployment, poverty, and crime; and

WHEREAS, providing and celebrating parenting knowledge and skills benefits all residents of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Parenting Awareness Month is a statewide campaign to promote awareness, education, and resources - through state outreach and local efforts - emphasizing the importance of effective parenting in nurturing children to become healthy, caring, and contributing citizens; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education proclaims March 2003 as Parenting Awareness Month; and, be it finally

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education supports all efforts and resources, particularly local, that draw public attention to the critical importance of parenting and encourages the further development of parent networks throughout Michigan.



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