



School Librarian's Day Resolution

The Board of Education
Pittsburg Unified School District
Resolution 18-46

Theme: Librarians are Critical to Educational Success

Whereas, School librarians help students acquire unique skills not taught in the classroom and information and technology skills essential for students in the 21st century;

Whereas, There is significant evidence indicating the value added to student's academic development by the presence of a strong school library program led by a credentialed librarian;

Whereas, Pittsburg Unified School District has made incremental increases in the following areas to increase the quality of its libraries to support student success achievement:

- Increased hours of access for both individual student visits and group visits by classes
- Larger collections of print and electronic resources with access at school
- Up-to-date technology with connectivity to databases and automated collection
- Increased student usage of school library service
- Providing professional development for teachers.

Whereas, The most universal finding is that the presence of full-time, credentialed school librarians and appropriate support staff, who implement a quality, school integrated program of library services is directly related to these student educational gains;

Whereas, Quality school library programs staffed by credential school librarians prepare students to have the 21st Century skills they need to succeed in college and careers. They are particularly critical to help close the achievement gap of students who come from economically disadvantage backgrounds.

Whereas, A school library can broaden the horizon of learning for students and link them with communities and experiences far beyond their own classroom and community; and

Whereas, School librarians instruct students and provide the school community ongoing experiences in accessing, evaluating, and utilizing information sources; and

Whereas, Librarians keep current with new materials for children and make appropriate selections based on critical reviews by previewing for age appropriateness and fitting the curriculum needs and interests of students; and

Whereas, School librarians collaborate with teachers for optimal instructional design to improve student achievement.

Resolved, That The Board of Education hereby declare April 9, 2019 as School Librarian's Day and hereby requests that the Superintendent support the school sites in engaging in an recognition for the School Librarians that acknowledges their great efforts in keeping our school library's operational.

Be It Further Resolved, That the Board of Education directs the Superintendent to post a copy of this resolution at each School Site; and

Passed and Adopted, on February 6, 2019 at a regular meeting of the Board of Education by the following vote:

AYES: 3
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 2

Duane Smith, Board President