



Foster Care Awareness Month

The Board of Education
Pittsburg Unified School District
Resolution 18-50

Whereas, All children deserve a safe, loving, and permanent home;

Whereas, National Foster Care Month was established more than 20 years ago to bring foster-care issues to the forefront, highlight the importance of permanency for every child; and recognize the essential role that foster parents, social workers, and advocates have in the lives of children in foster care throughout the United States;

Whereas, The primary goal of the foster-care system is to ensure the safety and well-being of children while working to provide a safe, loving, and permanent home for each child;

Whereas, Foster parents are the front-line caregivers for children who cannot safely remain with their biological parents and provide physical care, emotional support, education advocacy, and are the largest single source of families providing permanent homes for children leaving foster care to adoption;

Whereas, children who age out of foster care often lack the security or support of a biological or adoptive family and frequently struggle to secure affordable housing, obtain health insurance, pursue higher education, and acquire adequate employment;

Whereas, foster care is intended to be a temporary placement;

Whereas, children entering foster care often confront the widespread misperception that children in foster care are disruptive, unruly, and dangerous, even though placement in foster care is based on the actions of a parent or guardian, not the child;

Whereas, May 2019 is an appropriate month to designate as National Foster Care Month to provide an opportunity to acknowledge the accomplishments of the child-welfare workforce, foster parents, advocacy community, and mentors for their dedication, accomplishments, and positive impact they have on the lives of children in the foster care system; and

Resolved, The Board of Education of Pittsburg Unified School District hereby designates May 2019 as Foster Care Awareness Month.

Be It Further Resolved, The Board of Education of Pittsburg Unified School District recognizes this month as an opportunity to raise awareness about the challenges and the importance of supporting our foster care youth.

Be It Further Resolved, The Board of Education of Pittsburg Unified School District applauds the work of the various people that interacts and supports the needs of the foster care students in our schools.

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