

RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF DECEMBER 6-10, 2021 AS “INCLUSIVE SCHOOLS WEEK” IN ALABAMA SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, Governor Ivey’s proclamation originating in 2018, decreed a week committed to educating students in inclusive schools and classrooms, it is with reverence that we seize and proclaim the resurgence and focus on Inclusive Schools Week; and

WHEREAS, educational practices have been impacted by enormous change and disruption through a global pandemic, Alabama’s administrators, educators, and support staff have prevailed in doing what is necessary to continuously provide Alabama’s students opportunities to be a part of high-performing inclusive schools and classrooms; and

WHEREAS, when support by the Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE) could have proceeded with business as usual, the ALSDE faced the challenges head on. The ALSDE collaborated together to lead a charge in providing resources and guidance in conjunction with Alabama’s Strategic Plan motto, Every Child. Every Chance. Every Day; and

WHEREAS, fairness in program application and access might have floundered through the pandemic, it is with unity and dedication that resources and initiatives were put in place, support was re-emphasized, and programs were created to bridge gaps in learning, while consistently providing fairness for all students through a lens of inclusiveness; and

WHEREAS, since children are unique, it is with excitement that we embody the whole child concept in strategies and supports from this day forward. These inclusive practices embrace each child who learns differently, while providing equitable teaching that is responsive to the abilities and interests of every child; and

WHEREAS, embracing this concept is not a solitary commitment, the ALSDE and the Alabama Board of Education invites all stakeholders of Alabama to embrace Inclusive Schools Week, December 6-10, 2021, and stand committed to providing equitable opportunities to Every Child. Every Chance. Every Day:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does hereby express its appreciation to all school staff who foster an environment of respect and inclusion focused on high-quality learning; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education encourages Alabama schools to participate in promoting Inclusive Schools Week; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education does designate December 6-10, 2021, as Inclusive Schools Week in Alabama public schools.

Done this 10th day of November 2021