

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

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Designating the week of September 13 through September 19, 2026, as
“Community School Coordinators Appreciation Week”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. VAN HOLLEN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to
the Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

Designating the week of September 13 through September
19, 2026, as “Community School Coordinators Apprecia-
tion Week”.

Whereas community schools marshal, align, and unite the as-
sets, resources, and capacity of schools and communities
for the success of students, families, and communities;

Whereas community schools are an effective, evidence-based
strategy for school improvement included under section
4625 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of
1965 (20 U.S.C. 7275);

Whereas community schools that provide integrated student
support, including well-designed and expanded learning
opportunities informed by rigorous community-connected
classroom instruction, and practice collaborative leader-
ship promote a culture of belonging, safety, and active

family and community engagement, leading to positive academic and nonacademic outcomes, including improvements in student attendance, behavior, academic achievement, school-readiness, mental and physical health, high school graduation rates, school climate, and reduced racial and economic achievement gaps;

Whereas community schools have the potential to reduce chronic absenteeism in urban, suburban, and rural schools, as indicated in a 2024 and 2026 report;

Whereas a 2023 study found that mental health care provided through community schools addresses disparities in school-provided services and shows improved academic performance and student conduct, including by reducing the number of school suspensions and disciplinary referrals;

Whereas a 2025 report found that community schools and the community as a whole produce a positive impact on student engagement, reduction in student discipline incidents, on-time grade progression, and credit accumulation for high school students;

Whereas, as indicated by a 2024 report, community schools have a positive impact on meeting the basic needs of students, including nutritional services and access to comprehensive health services;

Whereas community schools provide a strong social return on investment, with 1 study citing a social return of \$10 to \$15 for every dollar invested over a 3-year period;

Whereas community school coordinators are essential to building successful community schools and creating, strengthening, and maintaining partnerships between community schools and their communities;

Whereas community school coordinators facilitate and provide leadership for the collaborative process and development of a system of supports and opportunities for children, families, and others within the community that allows all students to learn and the community to thrive;

Whereas community school coordinators, through their role, deliver a strong monetary return on investment for community schools and their communities, with 1 study citing a return of \$7.11 for every dollar invested in the salary of a community school coordinator; and

Whereas Community School Coordinators Appreciation Week, celebrated from September 13 through September 19, 2026, recognizes, raises awareness of, and celebrates the thousands of community school coordinators across the United States and the critical role of community school coordinators in the success of students: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates the week of September 13
3 through September 19, 2026, as “Community
4 School Coordinators Appreciation Week”;

5 (2) gives thanks to community school coordina-
6 tors for the work they do to serve students, families,
7 and communities; and

8 (3) encourages students, parents, school admin-
9 istrators, and public officials to participate in events
10 that celebrate Community School Coordinators Ap-
11 preciation Week.