

Resolution

EQUITY IN EDUCATION MONTH

March 2020

WHEREAS, equity in schools has become an increasingly significant focus in the United States, Virginia, and Prince William County; and

WHEREAS, Prince William County Public Schools has become a minority-majority School Division, with 40 percent of students qualifying for free and reduced priced meals; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that factors including, but not limited to, disability, race, ethnicity, and socioeconomic status must be considered when providing educational opportunities to students; and

WHEREAS, the mission of *Providing A World-Class Education* is essential for every child to be successful in school and life; and

WHEREAS, it is important for Prince William County families, students, teachers, support staff, and school administrators to be aware of the diverse needs of learners, and to encourage discussion of the challenges as a school community; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Prince William County Public Schools has established the Superintendent's Advisory Council on Equity (SACE) to make recommendations to the Superintendent, and to stay at the forefront of discussions on equity in schools; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that equity in resources, including (but not limited to) educational settings, supplies, technology, staffing, and buildings, impacts student learning; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that we must look at everything we do through an equity lens, and because equity is an action word;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince William County School Board and the Superintendent of Schools proclaim the month of March 2020 as "**Equity in Education Month**" in Prince William County Public Schools, spotlighting educational equity and best practices for all our students.

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