

**Resolution in Support of Public Education**

The Augusta School Department believes learning needs to be flexible, individualized, and focused on enabling students to develop lifelong learning skills, and

the Augusta School Department believes that all students are unique and capable of learning, and it is necessary to embrace and foster individual learning styles, and

the Augusta School Department believes that faculty and staff are expected to provide equal opportunity for all students to learn and succeed, and

the Augusta School Department believes it has a responsibility to provide an environment that is safe, orderly, welcoming, and accepting, and

the Augusta School Department believes learning requires respect of the profession by the community, parents, and students, and

BE IT RESOLVED these statements exemplify the importance of enhancing educational opportunities for students, therefore:

The nation's public school superintendents call on local, state and federal lawmakers to prioritize support for strengthening our nation's public schools and empowering local education leaders to implement, manage and lead school districts;

The Augusta School Department advocates for local, state and federal policy that is committed to supporting and educating the whole child, providing support for academic and non-academic factors, including counseling, extra/co-curricular activities and mental health supports;

The Augusta School Department joins AASA, The School Superintendents Association, in support of the ***I Love Public Education Campaign*** to tell the good news of public education, to engage in conversation related to ensuring that every community has access to a high quality public school, and to support the leaders of our nation's public schools;

The Augusta School Department affirms its commitment to these values and will be steadfast in its efforts to protect students and their families, public schools and our communities from any policies that would undermine these values;

The Augusta School Department urges Congress to ensure federal resources are allocated equitably, providing increased levels of support for needier communities and districts;

This the 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2017.

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James Anastasio  
Superintendent

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Kim Martin  
Chairperson