

Proclamation

Runaway and Homeless Youth Awareness Month

WHEREAS, over 1 million children and youth in the United States experience homelessness every year; and

WHEREAS, there are over 2,000 children and youth experiencing homelessness in Adams 12 Five Star Schools; and

WHEREAS, approximately 150 of these Adams 12 students are unaccompanied youth; and

WHEREAS, youth homelessness disproportionately affects Black, Indigenous, People of Color, students who receive special education services, and English language learners; and

WHEREAS, youth experiencing homelessness face significant challenges in accessing, stabilizing, and succeeding in school, negatively impacting long-term educational, economic, and employment prospects; and

WHEREAS, the Adams 12 Office of Whole Child Initiatives is working collaboratively with departments and schools across the district to implement proven solutions that effectively identify children and youth experiencing homelessness and connect them with the wraparound supports, educational services, and housing resources they need to thrive;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Adams 12 Five Star Schools Board of Education hereby proclaims November 2023 as RUNAWAY AND HOMELESS YOUTH AWARENESS MONTH.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Adams 12 Five Star Schools Board of Education also proclaims November 9, 2023 as Wear Green for Awareness Day in Adams 12 Five Star Schools.

Adopted by the Board of Education at its regular meeting on October 4, 2023.