

## **Orange County Schools**

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## Orange County Board of Education Resolution to Honor and Recognize Agricultural Programs

Whereas, The Orange County School System's Agricultural Programs have consistently been successful educational programs for diverse learning where all students are educated to their fullest potential; and which have received strong community support in the dissemination of agricultural knowledge and life skills; and

Whereas, because of a rapidly increasing world-wide population and a subsequent demand to feed more than nine billion people by the year 2050, the agriculture industry needs talented and passionate youth willing to make a professional commitment to this field; and

Whereas, Agricultural Programs support the local economy and local farmers; and teach students about raising and maintaining livestock; and the origins of our food and how our food is grown; and

Whereas, the Orange County School System's Agricultural Programs are nationally recognized and routinely compete and excel at local, regional, state and national competitions; and

Whereas, the Orange County School System recognizes that agriculture is the key element for a globally sustainable food supply; and

Whereas, the Orange County School System's Agricultural Programs have demonstrated excellence in classroom and laboratory instruction, experiential learning and education, and leadership development for over 70 years in the Orange County Schools;

**Therefore**, be it resolved that to demonstrate its appreciation, the Orange County Board of Education hereby:

- 1. Celebrates the Orange County School System's Agricultural Programs;
- 2. Commends the agricultural students, their family members, the FFA programs, and the FFA alumni for their dedication, support and commitment to the Orange County Schools' Agricultural Programs;
- 3. Recognizes that Agricultural Programs build character, develop leadership, instill life skills, and contribute to the overall betterment of our community.

Adopted this the 6 th day of April, 2020.

Will Atherton, Chair

Orange County Board of Education

Monique Felder, Ph.D., Superintendent

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