

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION 2024-19:

CELEBRATING SCHOOL LIBRARY MONTH

WHEREAS, the function of the school library is to ensure that students and staff are effective users of ideas and information; and

WHEREAS, the district library coordinator, librarians, and library associates each contribute to providing the leadership and expertise necessary to ensure that the school library is an integral part of the instructional program of the school; and

WHEREAS, the library assistants at each of our secondary schools provide vital support for the day-to-day operation of a center that fosters the exploration of our students aspiring to military service, the trades, and college; and

WHEREAS, the librarians are more than just keepers of books; they are educators, guides, and champions of intellectual freedom, and work with students to develop research skills, promote critical thinking, and instill a passion for learning; and

WHEREAS, the library staff in each school teach the skills of locating and using information through traditional resources and new technologies, provide literature appreciation activities, and guide and encourage content and recreational reading to every student; and

WHEREAS, lifelong learning begins and is systematically developed through the school library curriculum of the elementary and secondary schools; and

WHEREAS, in the digital age, librarians are at the forefront of teaching information literacy and digital citizenship. They help students navigate the vast sea of online information, teaching them how to evaluate sources for credibility and reliability; and

WHEREAS, acknowledging the unique role the library plays in providing an excellent, equitable education in a safe, supportive environment, so all students will succeed and contribute to a diverse and changing society; and

WHEREAS, the library staff of the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District have dedicated themselves to work for quality school libraries that contribute to the individual growth and development of all students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fairbanks North Star Borough Board of Education celebrates April 2024 as School Library Month throughout the district, and encourages district administration, staff, students, parents, community members, and community and military leaders to observe the month with celebrations, lessons, and other activities that honor, support, and thank our library staff.

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ATTEST:



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