Fairbanks North Star Borough Board of Education

RESOLUTION 2026-06:

Establishing October as Attendance Awareness Month in Schools

WHEREAS, attendance has been proven to be one of the most powerful predictors of academic achievement and can have a dramatic impact on key milestones, including third-grade reading, 9th-grade achievement, high school graduation, and life success; and

WHEREAS, chronic absenteeism, defined as missing 10% or more of school days, has been shown to have detrimental effects on students' learning outcomes and long-term educational prospects; and

WHEREAS, the goal of an attendance awareness resolution is not to promote or insist on perfect attendance but rather focus on good or improved attendance and the correlation between regular school attendance and positive lifelong student outcomes; and

WHEREAS, there are legitimate reasons for excused absences, including mental health or illness, this resolution is not meant to minimize the health challenges many families face when it comes to regular school attendance; and

WHEREAS, improved attendance rates contribute to a positive school culture and enhance the learning environment for all students; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the importance of promoting regular school attendance is essential for fostering a culture of responsibility and commitment to education; and

WHEREAS, designating a specific month to focus on attendance awareness will provide schools with an opportunity to engage students, parents, educators, and the community in addressing and mitigating barriers to regular school attendance; and

WHEREAS, the district will continue partnering with community organizations, local businesses, and other stakeholders to promote attendance awareness and provide resources to families; and

WHEREAS, schools will be encouraged to implement special programs, events, and activities to educate students and parents about the importance of regular school attendance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District Board of Education, hereby establish the month of October as "Attendance Awareness Month" in our schools. The Fairbanks North Star Borough School District, through the school board, encourages all schools to participate in Attendance Awareness Month activities and to make attendance a priority throughout the academic year.

Passed and Approved: September 16, 2025

ATTEST:

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