

# Loudoun County Public Schools



## PROCLAMATION

### FAMILY ENGAGEMENT IN EDUCATION MONTH

**WHEREAS**, the Commonwealth of Virginia is committed to excellence in education and recognizes the importance of family engagement in education in the pursuit of these standards; and

**WHEREAS**, the Virginia Department of Education recognizes November as Family Engagement in Education Month in emphasizing the importance of familial and parental engagement in schools and its evidence-based impact on student achievement; and

**WHEREAS**, Loudoun County Public Schools believes that all families have dreams for their children and want the best for them; and

**WHEREAS**, Loudoun County Public Schools believes that all families have the capacity to support their children's learning; and

**WHEREAS**, Loudoun County Public Schools believes that families and school staff are partners in education; and

**WHEREAS**, Loudoun County Public Schools believes that the responsibility for cultivating and sustaining partnerships among school, home, and community rests primarily with school staff, especially school leaders; and

**WHEREAS**, family engagement should be a priority at every level of our community's education system - from the classroom to the superintendent's office; and

**WHEREAS**, all Loudoun County Public Schools are enriched by acknowledging, affirming, and celebrating students' and families' diverse cultures, languages, and backgrounds; and

**WHEREAS**, Loudoun County Public Schools believes and is committed to a culture of continuous improvement which drives the fulfillment of our mission - empowering all student to make meaningful contributions to the world.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Loudoun County Public Schools recognizes November as Family Engagement in Education Month, during which school leaders and staff are encouraged to engage families, strengthening home-school partnerships in which families are empowered to recognize the value of their role in the educational process.

*Sources Cited:*

Powerful Partnerships: A Teacher's Guide to Engaging Families by Dr. Karen Mapp (4 Core Beliefs)

Dual-Capacity Building Framework for Family-School Partnerships by Dr. Karen Mapp(<https://www.dualcapacity.org/>)