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1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The demands of the 21st century require a new
3 approach to education to fully prepare our State's youth for
4 college, careers, and citizenship; a whole child approach to
5 education addresses students' comprehensive needs through the
6 shared responsibility of students, families, schools, and
7 communities; the goal of such an approach is to ensure that
8 each child is challenged, supported, healthy, safe, and
9 engaged; and

10 WHEREAS, The children of Illinois are our future and will
11 provide the leadership, creativity, and productivity to
12 sustain and strengthen the quality of life in our State; and

13 WHEREAS, The State of Illinois has the responsibility to
14 ensure that our children have every possible opportunity for a
15 quality education and future success; and

16 WHEREAS, Each student in Illinois deserves to be
17 challenged academically and prepared for college, meaningful
18 employment in our global economy, and lifelong success; and

19 WHEREAS, Each student in Illinois deserves to be supported
20 by qualified, caring adults and to receive access to
21 personalized learning; and

1 WHEREAS, Each student in Illinois deserves to learn about
2 and practice a healthy lifestyle; and

3 WHEREAS, Each student in Illinois deserves to learn in an
4 environment that is physically and emotionally safe; and

5 WHEREAS, Each student in Illinois deserves to be actively
6 engaged in learning and connected to the school and broader
7 community; and

8 WHEREAS, The consequences of not ensuring that our young
9 people are challenged, supported, healthy, safe, and engaged
10 are clear; and

11 WHEREAS, The current high school graduation rate is 87%;
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13 WHEREAS, SAT Math scores for 11th graders who achieve
14 "meets or exceeds" are at only 29%; and

15 WHEREAS, SAT English/Language Arts scores for 11th graders
16 who achieve "meets or exceeds" are at only 30%; and

17 WHEREAS, In science, only 51% of all students in all
18 grades are testing at the proficient or exemplary level; and

1 WHEREAS, Only 64% of high school seniors enroll in a
2 college program within 12 months of graduation; therefore, be
3 it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL
5 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we declare March 2025
6 as Illinois Whole Child Month to recognize the value of
7 assuring that each student is challenged, supported, healthy,
8 safe, and engaged; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That we urge parents, educators, and community
10 members to support a whole child approach to education for
11 each student; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That we urge every school in Illinois to
13 celebrate Whole Child Month by adopting at least one of the
14 whole child tenets to promote and encourage throughout the
15 month; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
17 presented to the Illinois Association for Supervision and
18 Curriculum Development as a symbol of our respect and esteem.