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HOUSE 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, career, 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 each  
8 child is challenged, supported, healthy, safe, and engaged; and

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

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

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

18           WHEREAS, Each student in Illinois deserves to be supported  
19 by qualified, caring adults and receive access to personalized  
20 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 86%;  
12          and

13          WHEREAS, SAT Math scores for 11th graders who achieve  
14          "meets or exceeds" are at only 35%; and

15          WHEREAS, SAT English/Language Arts scores for 11th graders  
16          who achieve "meets or exceeds" are at only 37%; and

17          WHEREAS, In science, only 49% of all students in all grades  
18          are testing at the proficient level; and

1           WHEREAS, Only 73% of high school seniors enroll in a  
2 college program within 12 months of graduation; therefore, be  
3 it

4           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE  
5 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
6 we declare March 2020 as "Illinois Whole Child Month" to  
7 recognize the value of assuring that each student is  
8 challenged, supported, healthy, safe, and engaged; and be it  
9 further

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

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

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