MICHIGAN SENATE

Senate Resolution No. 88

Offered by Senators Santana, Bellino, Brinks, Geiss, Singh and Wojno

A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE FEBRUARY 2024 AS SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CARE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Michigan's school-based and school-linked health centers (also known as child and adolescent health centers) have been delivering comprehensive primary health care, mental health care, and prevention services for over 30 years; and

WHEREAS, There are over 300 school-based and school-linked health centers and programs in Michigan that deliver a range of primary, preventive, early intervention, and mental health services to children and youth of all grade levels in urban, rural, and suburban schools across the state; and

WHEREAS, Children and youth served by school-based and school-linked health centers show improved rates of school attendance, enhanced scores on standardized tests, less absenteeism due to illness, and increased immunization rates, while having their wellness and health care needs addressed; and

WHEREAS, School-Based Health Care Awareness Month acknowledges the commitment and passion that school-based and school-linked health center staff and parents/guardians have for all Michigan children and youth; and

WHEREAS, We also recognize the critical role these individuals play in improving the health and well-being of all Michigan children and youth; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the members of this legislative body recognize February 2024 as School-Based Health Care Awareness Month.

Adopted by the Senate, February 1, 2024.

Secretary of the Senate