

117TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. RES. 506

Supporting the goals of National Catholic Schools Week.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 8 (legislative day, FEBRUARY 3), 2022

Mr. TOOMEY (for himself and Mr. CASEY) submitted the following resolution;
which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals of National Catholic Schools Week.

Whereas Catholic schools in the United States are internationally acclaimed for their academic excellence and provide students with more than just an exceptional education;

Whereas Catholic schools instill a broad, values-added education emphasizing the lifelong development of moral, intellectual, physical, and social values in young people in the United States;

Whereas Catholic schools serve the United States by providing a strong academic and moral foundation to a diverse student population from all regions of the country and all socioeconomic backgrounds, and of that student population—

(1) 21.4 percent of students are from racial minority backgrounds;

(2) 18.6 percent of students are of Hispanic heritage; and

(3) 20.1 percent of students are from non-Catholic families;

Whereas Catholic schools are an affordable option for parents, particularly in underserved urban areas;

Whereas Catholic schools produce students who are strongly dedicated to their faith, values, families, and communities by providing an intellectually stimulating environment rich in spiritual, character, and moral development;

Whereas Catholic schools are committed to community service, producing graduates who hold “helping others” as a core value;

Whereas the total Catholic school student enrollment for the 2021–2022 academic year was more than 1,680,000 and the student-teacher ratio was 11.5 to 1;

Whereas the Catholic high school graduation rate is 98 percent, with 85.2 percent of graduates attending 4-year colleges;

Whereas the week of January 30, 2022, to February 5, 2022, has been designated as “National Catholic Schools Week” by the National Catholic Educational Association and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops;

Whereas National Catholic Schools Week was first established in 1974 and has been celebrated annually for the past 48 years; and

Whereas the theme for National Catholic Schools Week 2022 is “Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service.” and reflects Catholic schools’ purpose to form students to be

good citizens of the world, love God and neighbor, and enrich society with the leaven of the gospel and by example of faith: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) supports the goals of National Catholic
3 Schools Week, an event—

4 (A) cosponsored by the National Catholic
5 Educational Association and the United States
6 Conference of Catholic Bishops; and

7 (B) established to recognize the vital con-
8 tributions of the thousands of Catholic elemen-
9 tary and secondary schools in the United
10 States;

11 (2) applauds the National Catholic Educational
12 Association and the United States Conference of
13 Catholic Bishops on their selection of a theme that
14 all people can celebrate; and

15 (3) supports—

16 (A) the dedication of Catholic schools, stu-
17 dents, parents, and teachers across the United
18 States to academic excellence; and

19 (B) the key role that Catholic schools, stu-
20 dents, parents, and teachers across the United
21 States play in promoting and ensuring a bright-
22 er, stronger future for the United States.

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