

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2022-4649, by Representatives Klippert, Chambers, Klicker, Boehnke, Chase, Graham, and Kraft

1 WHEREAS, Parental and familial involvement in their children's
2 education promotes many positive and important results for children,
3 schools, and communities; and

4 WHEREAS, It is critical that the parents and families create a
5 home environment that encourages learning, express high (but not
6 unrealistic) expectations for their children's achievement and future
7 careers, and, to the extent they are able, become involved in their
8 children's education at school and in the community; and

9 WHEREAS, Students with involved parents and families are more
10 likely to have higher grades and test scores, attend school
11 regularly, have better social skills, show improved behavior, and
12 adapt well to school; and

13 WHEREAS, Work schedules and other factors may pose barriers to
14 parental and familial involvement in schools, and identifying and
15 tackling those barriers benefits students, parents, and our local
16 schools; and

17 WHEREAS, When parents and families are willing and able to be
18 involved at school, and barriers to their participation come down,
19 the performance of all the children at school, not just their own,
20 tends to improve. Research findings show the more comprehensive and
21 well planned the partnership between school and home, the higher the
22 student achievement; and

1 WHEREAS, When schools have a high percentage of involved parents
2 and families in and out of schools, teachers and principals are more
3 likely to experience higher morale, there is enhanced communication
4 and relations between parents, teachers, and administrators, and
5 teachers and principals acquire a better understanding of families'
6 cultures and diversity; and

7 WHEREAS, Schools and teachers can foster parental and familial
8 involvement by assigning homework designed to increase student-parent
9 interactions, holding workshops for families, and communicating to
10 parents and families about their children's education;

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives
12 recognize that parents and families have an important and fundamental
13 role in their children's upbringing and acknowledge and honor the
14 parents and families of Washington State's students and the many
15 hours they spend supporting their children's education, teachers, and
16 school.

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