

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 133

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

A RESOLUTION

To urge and request the state Department of Education to consider the Community Schools Model as a school reform strategy for schools identified as needing comprehensive support and improvement.

WHEREAS, the federal Every Student Succeeds Act supports nationally significant programs to improve the quality of elementary and secondary education at the state and local levels and provide access to help all children achieve academic success; and

WHEREAS, the Community Schools Model is a proven school reform strategy that has resulted in transformational and sustainable results; and

WHEREAS, Community Schools employ multiple strategies aimed at providing engaging, culturally relevant, and rigorous curricula in an environment that brings together resources in order to make families, communities, and schools stronger and help students thrive; and

WHEREAS, Community Schools provide comprehensive academic, social, and health services that provide a quality of life that contributes to healthy homes, safe communities, and healthy, well-rounded, and civic-minded students; and

WHEREAS, Community Schools encourage partnerships between schools, local education agencies, city government, community-based and faith-based organizations, and other public and private entities to provide wraparound academic and social supports; and

WHEREAS, the supports may include year-round programs focused on academic success and family engagement that may include robust before- and after-school programs, adult literacy programs, family financial literacy programs, youth development and mentoring programs, as well as opportunities for community service, job training, career counseling, physical, mental and dental health care, and nutrition services.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the state Department of Education to consider the Community Schools Model as a school reform strategy for schools identified as needing comprehensive support and improvement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the state Department of Education to provide state support to assist school systems in creating strong plans to promote school reform strategies and mechanisms in order to achieve transformational and sustainable academic growth, while also creating healthier and safer families and communities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the state superintendent of education and the president of the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE