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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 133

BY SENATOR BOUDREAUX

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT. Requests the state Department of Education to promote the Community School Model as a school reform strategy.

1	A RESOLUTION
2	To urge and request the state Department of Education to promote the Community Schools
3	Model as a school reform strategy for schools identified as needing comprehensive
4	support and improvement.
5	WHEREAS, the federal Every Student Succeeds Act supports nationally significant
6	programs to improve the quality of elementary and secondary education at the state and local
7	levels and provide access to help all children achieve academic success; and
8	WHEREAS, the Community Schools Model is a proven school reform strategy that
9	has resulted in transformational and sustainable results; and
10	WHEREAS, Community Schools employ multiple strategies aimed at providing
11	engaging, culturally relevant, and rigorous curricula in an environment that brings together
12	resources in order to make families, communities, and schools stronger and help students
13	thrive; and
14	WHEREAS, Community Schools provide comprehensive academic, social, and
15	health services that provide a quality of life that contributes to healthy homes, safe
16	communities, and healthy, well-rounded, and civic-minded students; and
17	WHEREAS, Community Schools encourage partnerships between schools, local
18	education agencies, city government, community-based and faith-based organizations, and

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other public and private entities to provide wraparound academic and social supports; and

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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 promote 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 Community Schools Model 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 Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Cheryl Serrett.

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