

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing and commending the forty public schools throughout
2 the Commonwealth that are implementing the Community School Initiative.

3 WHEREAS, every child should be given the opportunity to obtain a high-quality
4 education; and

5 WHEREAS, community schools have proven to be effective in enhancing
6 educational outcomes, fostering community engagement, and addressing the diverse
7 needs of students; and

8 WHEREAS, community schools provide a holistic approach to education by
9 focusing on the four pillars for student success, which includes integrated student
10 supports, expanded learning time and opportunities, active family and community
11 engagement, and collaborative leadership and practices for high quality teaching; and

12 WHEREAS, community schools serve as hubs for collaboration among educators,
13 families, local organizations, and government agencies to create a supportive
14 environment for students to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally; and

15 WHEREAS, the alignment of Kentucky's Family Resource and Youth Services
16 Centers and community school implementation fosters community engagement as equal
17 partners within the school system to ensure a support system to decrease and remove
18 nonacademic barriers so that schools can focus on high quality teaching and learning; and

19 WHEREAS, community schools promote equity and inclusivity by addressing the
20 unique challenges and barriers faced by students from underserved and marginalized
21 communities, thereby narrowing the opportunity gap; and

22 WHEREAS, research indicates that community schools contribute to higher
23 graduation rates, improved student attendance, increased parental involvement, and
24 enhanced academic achievement across diverse student populations; and

25 WHEREAS, investing in community schools is a commitment to providing all
26 students with the resources and support they need to succeed academically and lead
27 fulfilling lives; and

1 WHEREAS, evidence-based results demonstrate that community schools lead to
2 robust and positive academic outcomes that are integral to fostering sustained economic
3 growth for individual students and their families well into adulthood for increased
4 economic well-being; and

5 WHEREAS, improved academic outcomes of students have shown to generate
6 positive correlative economic growth for our state and increased competitiveness on a
7 national and global scale;

8 NOW, THEREFORE,

9 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*
10 *Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

11 ➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives hereby recognize and
12 commend the forty public schools throughout the commonwealth that are ushering in a
13 new wave of student success through their participation in the Community School
14 Initiative.

15 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
16 copy of this Resolution to the Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence, 2285
17 Executive Drive Suite 120, Lexington, Kentucky 40505, for distribution to the forty
18 community schools.