

By Senator Cruz

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1 Senate Resolution

2 A resolution designating February 24-28, 2020, as  
3 Public Schools Week.

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5 WHEREAS, public education is the foundation of a 21st-  
6 century democracy, and

7 WHEREAS, this state's public schools are where students  
8 come to be educated as citizens of the United States, and

9 WHEREAS, each public school prepares this state's young  
10 people to contribute to society, the economy, and the citizenry  
11 of this country, and

12 WHEREAS, 90 percent of this state's children attend public  
13 schools, and

14 WHEREAS, local officials and state lawmakers support  
15 strengthening the public schools of this state and work to  
16 empower local education leaders to manage and lead school  
17 districts in partnership with educators, parents, and other  
18 local stakeholders and learning communities, and

19 WHEREAS, local officials and state lawmakers support  
20 counseling, extracurricular activities, and mental health  
21 services that are critical to helping students learn, and

22 WHEREAS, safe, high-quality public schools are where  
23 children learn to think critically, develop problem-solving  
24 skills, and build relationships, and

25 WHEREAS, public schools should provide an environment where  
26 all students can succeed, beginning in their earliest years,  
27 regardless of who they are or where they live, and

28 WHEREAS, efforts should be supported to advance equity and  
29 excellence in public education and to implement continuous

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30 improvement and evidence-based practices, and

31 WHEREAS, all children have a right to an education that  
32 helps them reach their full potential and to attend schools that  
33 offer a high-quality educational experience, and

34 WHEREAS, students, teachers, and professionals make this  
35 state's public schools vital components of the community, and

36 WHEREAS, parents and communities are working hard to  
37 improve educational outcomes for children across the country,  
38 and

39 WHEREAS, the week of February 24-28, 2020, would be an  
40 appropriate period to designate as Public Schools Week, NOW,  
41 THEREFORE,

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43 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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45 That the members of the Senate support the designation of  
46 February 24-28, 2020, as Public Schools Week.