

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1812

By Senator Faust-Goudeau

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9 A RESOLUTION urging parents to become more actively involved in
10 their children's education and urging the State Board of Education to
11 develop strategies to be used to develop active parental involvement
12 in the education of their children.

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14 WHEREAS, There is consistent, positive and convincing evidence that
15 families have a major influence on their children's achievement in school;
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17 WHEREAS, It has been found in the publication "A New Wave of
18 Evidence: The Impact of School, Family, and Community Connections
19 on Student Achievement" that students with involved parents are more
20 likely to succeed in school because those students attend school regularly,
21 earn higher grades and are more likely to continue on to the postsecond-
22 ary educational level; and

23 WHEREAS, Schools attended by students with involved parents are
24 more successful than schools attended by students whose parents are not
25 involved; and

26 WHEREAS, Congress has found that research studies consistently
27 show a positive relationship between parental involvement and student
28 achievement regardless of the economic, racial, ethnic, educational back-
29 ground or ages of the student; and

30 WHEREAS, Parents are the first and most important educators of their
31 children; and

32 WHEREAS, Parents and teachers should work together in an equal
33 partnership that is both positive and cooperative; and

34 WHEREAS, Teachers and parents, in support of each other, form the
35 future citizens of the world; and

36 WHEREAS, Parents who participate in their children's education and
37 formation, at school and at home, not only exemplify parenting skills, but
38 also serve as a model of community stewardship and public service lead-
39 ership; and

40 WHEREAS, Through active parental involvement, parents who sup-
41 port their children's education directly by developing personally, com-
42 municating effectively, contributing authentically and education collabor-
43 atively; and

1 WHEREAS, Effective communication is established through respect-
2 ful, constructive and on-going contact: Now, therefore,

3 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That Parents col-
4 laborate with teachers in the education of their children by knowing the
5 curricular standards, establishing and sharing expectations and goals with
6 both their children and their children's teachers, supervising their chil-
7 dren's academic progress, attending parent-teacher conferences and
8 maintaining weekly contact with their children's teachers; and

9 *Be it further resolved:* That Parents are encouraged to attend all man-
10 datory classroom parent meetings, become a room parent, provide coach-
11 ing to school teams, become recess monitors, assist with student clubs,
12 help coordinate school fund-raising activities and offer other volunteer
13 service at school; and

14 *Be it further resolved:* That Parents are encouraged to demonstrate
15 regular involvement in the school building, at school functions and on
16 decision-making school committees through participation in Parent
17 Teacher Associations (PTA) and other school organizations such as Home
18 and School, School Board meetings and Partners in Education; and

19 *Be it further resolved:* That the State Board of Education is urged to
20 develop strategies to be used to develop active parental involvement in
21 the education of their children; and

22 *Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to
23 send enrolled copies of this resolution to the Chairperson of the State
24 Board of Education.