

2021 SPECIAL SESSION II

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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 780

Commending the Virginia Beach School Board.

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, August 9, 2021

WHEREAS, in 2020, the Virginia Beach School Board adopted an equity policy to help promote diversity and inclusion in Virginia Beach City Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, the equity policy was developed by LaQuiche R. Parrott, then the director of the Office of Opportunity and Achievement, and Aaron Spence, superintendent of Virginia Beach City Public Schools, and finalized by members of the school system's equity council; and

WHEREAS, the equity policy mandates training for Virginia Beach School Board members and faculty and staff of Virginia Beach City Public Schools on implicit bias, cultural awareness, and culturally responsive teaching; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Beach School Board's equity policy includes a culturally responsive curriculum for students that acknowledges historical and societal factors contributing to inequality; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Beach School Board's equity policy takes steps to mitigate the root causes of racism and discrimination and build understanding, compassion, fairness, and respect, ensuring that each student has the equal opportunity to receive a good education; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That the Virginia Beach School Board hereby be commended for adopting an equity policy in support of diversity and inclusion in and out of the classroom; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to the Virginia Beach School Board as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for its efforts to build a safe and welcoming atmosphere for all students.

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