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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 442

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Commending Neabsco Elementary School.

Patrons—Surovell, Barker, Boysko, Dance, Deeds, Ebbin, Edwards, Favola, Hanger, Howell, Lewis, Locke, Lucas, Marsden, Mason, McClellan, McPike, Petersen, Saslaw and Spruill; Delegates: Ayala, Bell, John J., Delaney, Gooditis, Guzman, Keam, Murphy, Plum, Reid, Simon, Torian and Watts

WHEREAS, for 50 years, Neabsco Elementary School, an outstanding public primary school in Prince William County, has given young people a safe, supportive environment in which to learn and grow; and

WHEREAS, throughout its history, Neabsco Elementary School has proudly focused on consistency, communication, community, and excellence in support of its students; and

WHEREAS, Neabsco Elementary School is a Positive Behavior Interventions and Systems school and recently launched the Positive Office Referrals initiative, which encourages teachers to send students to the office for positive reasons; students get a positive phone call home from an administrator and a photo taken with the administrator, which is posted on social media; and

WHEREAS, Neabsco Elementary School hosts monthly assemblies, which have promoted school spirit and community engagement through activities like Jump Rope for Heart and quarterly awards assemblies to celebrate students' academic achievement, growth, and character; and

WHEREAS, Neabsco Elementary School has also adopted a "press in model" for language arts instruction in grades three, four, and five, where for 30 minutes every day, three to five adults "press in" to provide small-group guided reading instruction to all students at their instructional level; and

WHEREAS, other elementary schools in Prince William County have adopted this model to boost student achievement in reading, increase time on task for students and build stronger relationships between teachers and students; and

WHEREAS, Neabsco Elementary School is also the first school in Prince William County to use a program called ST Math to support its math instruction; ST Math has little to no language component, so it allows all students regardless of their language ability or development to learn about mathematical concepts in a way that enhances the core curriculum; and

WHEREAS, teachers at Neabsco Elementary School hold weekly circles to build a sense of community, while administrators and counselors use conflict and harm circles to help repair harm done and help students to understand how their actions affect others in their community; and

WHEREAS, Neabsco Elementary School places an emphasis on the concept of teachers, students, and families all working together on one team to support their child's education, as research shows that family engagement and involvement plays a significant role in student achievement; the school's theme for 2019 is "One Family"; and

WHEREAS, Neabsco Elementary School has four Title I family events, a growing PTO that puts on monthly events, and recently held its first Donuts with Dad event that resulted in a line that went out the door; and

WHEREAS, Neabsco Elementary School earned the distinction of being a Prince William County School of Excellence in the 2003-2004, 2004-2005, and 2005-2006 academic years; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the General Assembly hereby commend Neabsco Elementary School on the occasion of its 50th anniversary; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the Senate prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Neabsco Elementary School as an expression of the General Assembly's admiration for the school's commitment to academic excellence and service to the students of Prince William County.

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