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HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 568

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Commending Loudoun County Public Schools educators and support staff.

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WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic, Loudoun County Public Schools educators and support staff have successfully facilitated distance learning through online instruction and hybrid in-person instruction with safety measures and social distancing for more than 80,000 students; and

WHEREAS, Loudoun County Public Schools (LCPS) elementary school educators have provided instruction in all content areas, as well as special courses covering art, music, and physical education; secondary school teachers have continued to provide all available courses, virtual extracurricular activities, and in-person extracurricular activities with appropriate precautions; and

WHEREAS, LCPS educators at all levels provided students with opportunities to enrich social-emotional learning and receive mental health and wellness support; and

WHEREAS, LCPS distributed mobile hotspots to help students without reliable Internet access participate in virtual learning, and after the school division adopted a hybrid learning model, its dedicated teachers and staff members facilitated valuable in-person interaction and instruction on a safe, limited basis; and

WHEREAS, in addition to maintaining day-to-day operations in unprecedented circumstances, LCPS administrators have provided faculty and staff members with opportunities for professional development and training on the unique challenges of virtual learning; and

WHEREAS, LCPS substitute teachers assisted with operations by distributing laptops and meals to students, engaging in training opportunities, supervising care rooms for students exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms, and answering calls for service in the Technology Support Center; and

WHEREAS, teacher assistants and other educators have facilitated distance learning in a variety of ways, including leading breakout rooms, supporting whole group instruction, and conducting other important work to support students and teachers in distance learning; and

WHEREAS, LCPS Human Resources and Talent Development staff have held 54 in-person new hire sessions, serving 937 employees and 151 student teachers, and conducted 22 virtual onboarding sessions for 378 newly hired substitutes; and

WHEREAS, LCPS Health Services, Transportation, Safety and Security, Management and Coordination and Environmental Health Services staff developed and established a Health Mitigation Monitor program to observe and educate staff and students on health mitigation strategies that minimize the risk of transmission of the COVID-19 virus within the school community; and

WHEREAS, LCPS educators and support staff have established clear communication with parents, families, and the community to provide useful updates throughout the pandemic; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the House of Delegates, That Loudoun County Public Schools educators and support staff hereby be commended for their outstanding work to provide virtual and hybrid learning during the COVID-19 pandemic; and, be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates prepare a copy of this resolution for presentation to Loudoun County Public Schools educators and support staff as an expression of the House of Delegates' admiration for their achievements in service to young people in Loudoun County.

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