

U.S. Rep. Pocan: Introduces resolution with Reps Graves and Bonamici resolution to honor Public Schools Week 2023

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WASHINGTON D.C. - U.S. Representative Mark Pocan (WI-02), introduced the Annual Bipartisan Public Schools Week Resolution along with **Representatives Sam Graves (MO-06), Suzanne Bonamici (OR-01), Glenn “GT” Thompson (PA-15)**, and 106 of their colleagues. This year Public Schools Week is February 27 to March 3, and it serves as a time to celebrate the achievements of our public schools and honor the significant contributions and accomplishments of students, parents, educators, and education advocates.

“As a public school graduate from kindergarten through college, I’m proud to recognize the 9 out of every 10 students in America that attend a public school,” **Rep. Mark Pocan said**. “I am committed to strengthening our public schools so that every child receives a high-quality education experience. Communities are stronger and schools are better when we all work together to support public education. Our shared future and our success depend on the support we give to public education today.”

“America’s public schools have a long and storied tradition of preparing our children to become tomorrow’s leaders,” **Rep. Sam Graves said**. “Like the overwhelming majority of Americans, I’m a proud product of the public school system. I understand firsthand just how important public schools are to our communities and I’m committed to working to strengthen them so current and future generations have access to the same quality education that I did.”

“It is an honor to co-lead the Public Schools Week Resolution,” **Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici said.** “Our system of public education is important for our children, families, community, and economy. As a policymaker and former public school parent, I am eternally grateful for the tireless dedication of our many teachers and school staff. I’m committed to making sure schools have the policies and resources they need to provide a quality education to all students.”

“National Public Schools Week celebrates the storied history and success of our public school system and the education it provides to our youth,” **Rep. Glenn “GT” Thompson said.** “As a senior member of the Education and Workforce Committee, and an alumnus of public schools, I am well aware of the vital role schools play in their communities. Every child deserves access to a high-quality education so that they may learn and grow. We must continue to strengthen these institutions so we can better prepare our next generation of learners.”

During Public Schools Week, national education groups representing teachers, principals, superintendents, parents, civil rights and disability advocates, and religious organizations highlight the importance of our public schools and the positive difference they make in shaping the future of our country. Public schools are open to every child – regardless of ability, wealth, country of origin, or needs, and by supporting public school systems we strengthen our country.

Resolution Cosponsors Include (110): Reps. Adams, Allred, Balint, Barragán, Bera, S. Bishop, Blumenauer, Blunt Rochester, Bonamici, Bowman, Boyle, Brown, Brownley, Budzinski, Carbajal, Casten, Castor, Chu, Cicilline, Cleaver, Cohen, Costa, Craig, Crow, D. Davis (IL), D. Davis (NC), Dean, DeGette, DeLauro, Delbene, DeSaulnier, Dingell, Evans, Fitzpatrick, Foster, Frankel, Gallego, Garamendi, Garbarino, C. Garcia, S. Garcia, Goldman, V. Gonzalez, Gottheimer, S. Graves, Grijalva, Hayes, Himes, Houlahan, Kaptur, Keating, R. Kelly, Kildee, Kilmer, A. Kim, Kuster, Larsen, Larson, B. Lee, S. Lee, Luetkemeyer, Lynch, McBath, McCollum, McGovern, Meng, Miller-Meeks, G. Moore, Morelle, Moskowitz, Moulton, Moylan, Mrvan, Neguse, Norton, Omar, Pallone, Panetta, Payne Jr., Pettersen, Pingree, Pocan, Porter, Pressley, Quigley, Raskin, Ross, Sablan, Salinas, Scanlon, Schakowsky, Schiff, Scott, Slotkin, Sorensen, Stevens, B. Thompson, G. Thompson, Takano, Titus, Tokuda, Tonko, Torres, Trahan, Trone, Velázquez, Watson Coleman, Wild, N. Williams, F. Wilson

Organizations Supporting Public Schools Week Include: The School Superintendents Association (AASA), American Association of Colleges for Teacher

Education, American School Counselors Association, American Federation of Teachers (AFT), Americans United for Separation of Church and State, American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, Association of Educational Service Agencies, Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO), Baptist Joint Committee on Religious Liberty, Center for American Progress (CAP), Coalition for Community Schools, Council of Administrators of Special Education, Institute for Educational Leadership, Healthy Schools Campaign, Learning Disabilities Association of America, Learning Forward, National Association of Elementary School Principals, National Association of Secondary School Principals, National Association of School Psychologists, National Association of State Directors of Special Education, National Center for Learning Disabilities, National Council of Teachers of English, National Disability Rights Network (NDRN), National Education Association (NEA), National Education Association Retirees Association, National Military Families Association, National Rural Education Association, National School Boards Association, National School Public Relations Association, National PTA, Network for Public Education, School Social Work Association of America, The Arc, Public Funds Public Schools, Education Law Center