

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2020-4667, by Representative Santos

1       WHEREAS, There are more than 300 local education agencies and  
2 more than 2,000 schools throughout the State of Washington, all of  
3 which are working to provide high quality educational opportunities  
4 for the students they serve; and

5       WHEREAS, Each school and community is different, and some have  
6 had to overcome great obstacles; and

7       WHEREAS, Schools should be recognized not only for student  
8 achievement, but also for demonstrating growth and closing  
9 opportunity gaps; and

10       WHEREAS, State law directs the State Board of Education, the  
11 Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the  
12 Educational Opportunity Gap Oversight and Accountability Committee to  
13 collaborate on school recognition; and

14       WHEREAS, In 2018, the United States Department of Education  
15 approved Washington state's plan under the federal Every Student  
16 Succeeds Act; and

17       WHEREAS, The shift to the Every Student Succeeds Act  
18 accountability system presented an opportunity for Washington state  
19 to make its school recognition system more equitable; and

20       WHEREAS, The Washington school recognition program commits to  
21 upholding a recognition framework that showcases schools succeeding  
22 in serving all students equitably; and

1       WHEREAS, Each year, schools are to be identified and recognized  
2 for their exemplary performance based on multiple outcomes and  
3 indicators that are fair, consistent, transparent, and easily  
4 understood by schools and communities; and

5       WHEREAS, The Washington school recognition program uses state and  
6 local data to identify schools that have made gains in targeted areas  
7 and are on a path toward overall improvements in achievement, growth,  
8 and closing opportunity gaps; and

9       WHEREAS, In Spring 2020, over 350 schools across the state will  
10 be recognized and celebrated for closing gaps, showing growth, and  
11 demonstrating achievement in the previous school year; and

12       WHEREAS, The State Board of Education, the Educational  
13 Opportunity Gap Oversight and Accountability Committee, and the  
14 Superintendent of Public Instruction recognize April 27, 2020,  
15 through May 1, 2020, as School Recognition Week;

16       NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives  
17 honor state-recognized schools and the extraordinary commitment of  
18 Washington state's K-12 schools to our students' futures; and

19       BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives  
20 encourage schools and communities to join in this recognition by  
21 celebrating state-recognized exemplar schools.

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