

MOTION:

**February 4, 2020
Regular Meeting**

SECOND:

Res. No. 20-

**RE: COMMENDATION – HONORING THE “RED4ED” (RED FOR ED) MOVEMENT AND
PRIORITIZING FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

ACTION:

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth has no more precious resource than its children, and public schools represent the best public means to help Virginia children live rich and fulfilling lives; and

WHEREAS, Virginia’s per pupil funding for K-12 education remains below 2008-2009 levels when adjusted for inflation; and

WHEREAS, teachers in Virginia earn an average of \$9,316 under the national average, ranking the Commonwealth 33rd in the nation for average teacher salary; and

WHEREAS, Virginia as a national leader in public education, commerce, and civic health must act immediately to increase investments in our schools; and

WHEREAS, Prince William County lags neighboring jurisdictions in average compensation for teachers and other education professionals; and

WHEREAS, Prince William County continues to have some of the largest class sizes in the region, even in comparison to neighboring jurisdictions with less resources; and

WHEREAS, supporters of public education around the country have chosen the color red and the slogan #Red4Ed to call attention to the underfunding of public education and the harm it does to children;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors hereby commends and honors the work of the “Red4Ed” movement to enrich children’s lives by advocating for increased resources for K-12 schools;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors hereby commends educators from all across the Commonwealth for their efforts during the Education Lobby Day in Richmond on January 27, which brought community members together to stand together and express the needs of public school throughout Virginia;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors hereby designates education funding as a priority for Prince William County Fiscal Year 2021 Budget;

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors hereby urges the members of the Virginia General Assembly to support legislation and increased funding from the Commonwealth for K-12 education and compensation for education professionals throughout the Commonwealth;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors hereby re-affirms its 2020 legislative agenda to include full funding for K-12 education as a legislative priority and directs the Clerk to the Board to provide copies of this approved resolution to Prince William County's State Senators, State Delegates, and Governor Ralph S. Northam.

Votes:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent from Vote:

Absent from Meeting:

ATTEST: _____

Clerk to the Board