

KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

No 3

MEETING OF May 10, 2023

Item title:

Public Recognition

Jack Zink, Student Board Member

Recognition of 2023 KGBSD Retirees

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Mental Health Awareness Month

Teacher Appreciation Week

National School Nurse Day

Congratulations

Jack Zink!

The Board of Education thanks you for your commitment to attending School Board meetings throughout this school year and for representing your student body.

Your dedication is noticed and appreciated!

Congratulations to YOU and the KAYHI CLASS OF 2023!

2023 Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District Retirees

Certified Teaching Staff:

Rick Collins

Penny Leighton

D'Jay O'Brien

Classified Staff:

Kelli Carlin- Auger Felix

Reyes

Evelyn Voorhees- Brown

Congratulations on your retirement!



**KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
PROCLAMATION**

**Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month
May 2023**

WHEREAS, Alaska has a rich cultural history that includes the values of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders; and

WHEREAS, the culture of our communities is comprised of many languages, beliefs, and traditions that strengthen the social fabric of our diverse state; and

WHEREAS, we respect the heritage and traditions of all cultures in Alaska, and we are proud to be Alaskans with a diverse ethnic heritage; and

WHEREAS, generations of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans have contributed to our state through their hard work and love of family and friends, and we are grateful for their service in our military and for protecting our Constitution and freedoms; and

WHEREAS, on May 20, 2023, we have an opportunity to experience Pacific Islander culture through the Pacific Island Cultural Flag Day celebration, held to commemorate the first raising of the American Flag on Tutuila Island in the American Samoa on April 17, 1900. We also have the opportunity to remember the first Japanese citizens who came to the United States on May 7, 1843, and honor the numerous Chinese workers who helped lay the tracks of the transcontinental railroad, which was completed on May 10, 1869; and

WHEREAS, Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month is an occasion to recognize and appreciate the history, culture, and achievements of Alaska's Asian and Pacific Island Americans.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District hereby proclaims May 2023 as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month and encourages everyone to recognize and learn about the Asian American and Pacific Islander cultures and the contributions that they have made to our schools, our state and our nation.

Signed on this 10th day of May 2023, by

President, KGBSD Board of Education



**KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
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PROCLAMATION**

**Mental Health Awareness Month
May 2023**

WHEREAS, one in 25 adults today live with a variety of mental health disorders and illnesses, such as major depression, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, autism spectrum disorders, and a growing number of other debilitating behavioral health conditions; and

WHEREAS, mental health includes the way in which an individual functions in their environment and how they handle societal relationships, having the ability to adapt to changing situations, and being able to develop healthy coping strategies; and

WHEREAS, anyone is susceptible to experiencing mental health difficulties, just as we are susceptible to physical health issues and emergencies; and

WHEREAS, addressing complicated mental health needs with coordinated, comprehensive mental health services provides a life line for families and individuals who are struggling with the complex process of locating appropriate treatment protocols; and

WHEREAS, we must all work together to overcome and eliminate the discrimination and stigma that could deter individuals from seeking consistent support and adequate mental health treatment; and

WHEREAS, mental health providers and professionals, through their unique approach to serving their clients, are assisting families with individualized, and potentially life-saving, care.

NOW THEREFORE, the Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District hereby proclaims May 2023 as Mental Health Awareness Month, and encourages everyone to recognize those affected by mental health issues and the important role that support, acceptance, and mental health services play in enriching our lives.

Signed on this 10th day of May 2023, by

President, KGBSD Board of Education



**KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
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PROCLAMATION**

**Teacher Appreciation Week
May 8-12, 2023**

WHEREAS, teachers mold future citizens through guidance and education; and

WHEREAS, teachers encounter students of widely differing backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, our country's future depends upon providing quality education to all students; and

WHEREAS, teachers spend countless hours preparing lessons, evaluating progress, counseling and coaching students and performing community service; and

WHEREAS, our community recognizes and supports its teachers in educating the children of this community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District proclaims May 8th through 12th, 2023 to be TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK; and strongly encourages all members of our community to join us in personally expressing appreciation to our teachers for their dedication and devotion to their work.

Signed on this 10th day of May 2023, by

President, KGBSD Board of Education



**KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
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PROCLAMATION**

National School Nurse Day May 10, 2023

Whereas, students are the future and, by investing in them today, we are ensuring our world for tomorrow; and

Whereas, families deserve to feel confident that their children will be cared for when they are at school; and

Whereas, all students have a right to have their physical and mental health needs safely met while in the school setting; and

Whereas, students today face more complex and life-threatening health problems requiring care in school; and

Whereas, school nurses have served a critical role in improving public health and in ensuring student's academic success for more than 120 years; and

Whereas, school nurses act as a liaison to the school community, families, and healthcare providers on behalf of children's health by promoting wellness and improving health outcomes for our nation's children; and

Whereas, school nurses are members of school-based teams (e.g. school health services, 504/IEP, disaster/emergency planning) providing care coordination to address the school population; and

Whereas, school nurses understand the link between health and learning and are in a position to make a positive difference for children every day, therefore be it

Resolved, that the Ketchikan Gateway Borough School District Board of Education celebrates and acknowledges the accomplishments of school nurses everywhere and their efforts to meet the needs of today's students and offers gratitude for the nation's school nurses, who contribute to our local communities by supporting students to stay healthy, in school, safe, and ready to learn, and keeping parents and guardians at work, not just on this National School Nurse Day, but in every opportunity throughout the year.

Now, THEREFORE, I, Stephen Bradford, President of the Board of Education, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, May 10, 2023, as "School Nurse Day" at KGBSD, and commend its observance staff, students and the community.

Signed on this 10th day of May 2023, by

President, KGBSD Board of Education