

School Board of the City of Richmond



Proclamation

Whereas, the goal of Richmond Public Schools is to create safe and nurturing schools, in which there are increasing acts of cooperation, service and caring; and

Whereas, the violence many students witness in their communities and the media is mirrored in the inappropriate behavior demonstrated by some young people in our public schools, and the availability of weapons and drugs in the community and in the schools; and

Whereas, the problems of many young people originate prior to and outside of their public school experience, and conflicts from the community too frequently are brought into our public schools; and

Whereas, a growing number of young people come to the public schools without the personal values and support systems needed to develop and demonstrate attitudes conducive to academic success and personal responsibility; and

Whereas, the safety and nurturing of our young people are shared responsibilities, necessitating a partnership among the public schools, public support agencies, and community resources; that the School Board and the Superintendant of Richmond Public Schools, the Richmond Education Association, Virginia Attorney General's Office, GRIP Program, Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney, Communities In Schools of Richmond, the Richmond Police Department, Richmond Fire and Emergency Services, along with other community members interested in our public schools, join together and pledge to work collaboratively to build a public school environment that is safe and conducive to learning inclusive of the enforcement of strong and consistent disciplinary measures to modify student behavior.

Now, therefore, be it proclaimed, that the School Board of the City of Richmond does hereby proclaim October, 2011 as Safe Schools Month and encourages all schools and community members to join in the effort to ensure the safety and nurturing of our young people.

Chairman

Superintendent

3 October 2011