

# Loudoun County Public Schools



## PROCLAMATION

### National Social Work Month - March 2024

**WHEREAS**, school social workers are employed in schools to enhance the academic mission by providing services to address barriers to learning and help students reach their full potential; and

**WHEREAS**, school social workers are actively committed to helping students explore individual and collective abilities, strengths, interests, and talents utilizing research-based interventions and promoting education equity; and

**WHEREAS**, school social workers help parents focus on ways to further the educational, personal, and social growth of their children by strengthening the link between school, family, and the community; and

**WHEREAS**, school social workers bring unique professional knowledge and mental health perspective to school personnel and families to aid in identifying students experiencing academic challenges due to social-emotional and/or behavioral difficulties; and

**WHEREAS**, school social workers contribute to prevention and intervention services by providing comprehensive assessments and screenings, program development, individual and small group counseling services; crisis intervention, consultation, collaboration, and restorative practices to reduce barriers to learning for students; and

**WHEREAS**, school social workers should be recognized for the vital role they play as catalysts in helping to create an environment that is conducive to effective problem solving and learning for the whole child.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Loudoun County School Board proclaims that March 2024 is declared as National Social Work Month.