

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 390

Approved September 24, 2025

WHEREAS, Chronic absenteeism, defined as missing 10% or more school days a year, is strongly associated with lower academic achievement, greater disengagement from school, course failure, and an increased risk of dropping out; and

WHEREAS, During the 2024 - 2025 school year, the statewide chronic absenteeism rate declined nearly 3 percentage points, demonstrating progress in addressing student attendance challenges; and

WHEREAS, Notably, the Providence Public School District (PPSD) has shown remarkable leadership in this area, achieving one of the steepest declines in chronic absenteeism in the state, with the district's rate decreasing by nearly 7 percentage points within the last academic year; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, PPSD has achieved a lower rate of chronic absenteeism than pre-pandemic levels; and

WHEREAS, Especially standing out in the district is E-Cubed Academy High School, which was ranked among the top five high schools statewide for reductions in chronic absenteeism this year, reflecting a strong commitment to student engagement and success; and

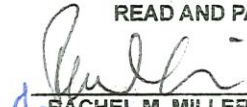
WHEREAS, Initiatives such as PPSD's "Attendance Heroes" campaign, which has formed attendance teams in every school; the development of a student data dashboard tracking attendance and academic performance; and the creation of a family communication system that provides direct notifications regarding absences, have made meaningful improvements in students' attendance; and


WHEREAS, The Providence City Council is proud of and supports PPSD in their progress towards reducing chronic absenteeism.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council sincerely congratulates the educators, faculty, staff, and families of E-Cubed Academy High School in achieving statewide recognition for reducing chronic absenteeism; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED, That upon passage, this resolution be transmitted to the Principal of E-Cubed Academy High School.

IN CITY COUNCIL
SEP 18 2025
READ AND PASSED



RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT


CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.



Mayor

Date: 9/24/25
