

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 99

Senator Camilleri offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to recognize March 3-9, 2024, as School Social
2 Work Week.

3 Whereas, School social workers serve as vital members of the
4 education team, playing a central role in creating a positive
5 environment in schools; and

6 Whereas, Social workers in schools are exceptionally skilled
7 in providing services to students who face serious challenges to
8 school success including disability, poverty, discrimination,
9 abuse, neglect, mental illness, homelessness, bullying, familial
10 stressors, and other barriers to learning; and

11 Whereas, School-based mental health programs are critical to
12 the early identification and intervention of mental health problems

1 by providing the appropriate services; and

2 Whereas, School social workers, who are licensed mental health
3 professionals in the United States, provide the necessary
4 assessment, interventions, counseling, family outreach, community
5 referrals, and also maintain knowledge of school culture and
6 climate, which are all necessary for responsible school safety
7 planning; and

8 Whereas, Research indicates that school-based mental health
9 programs led by school social workers improve educational outcomes
10 by decreasing absences, dropout rates, and discipline referrals,
11 while also improving academic achievement; and

12 Whereas, Social workers in schools play a pivotal role in
13 creating partnerships between the home, school, and community to
14 ensure academic success; and

15 Whereas, School districts and local educational agencies
16 should continue to work with school social workers to address
17 students' social, emotional, physical, mental health, and
18 environmental needs so that students can succeed; and

19 Whereas, The celebration of School Social Work Week on March
20 3-9, 2024, highlights the important role school social workers play
21 in the lives of students in Michigan; now, therefore, be it

22 Resolved, That the members of this legislative body recognize
23 March 3-9, 2024, as School Social Work Week; and be it further

24 Resolved, That we honor and recognize the contributions of
25 school social workers to the successes of students; and be it
26 further

27 Resolved, That we encourage the people of Michigan to observe
28 School Social Work Week with appropriate ceremonies and activities
29 to promote awareness about the vital role of school social workers,

- 1 both in schools and communities as a whole, in helping students
- 2 prepare for their futures as productive citizens.