

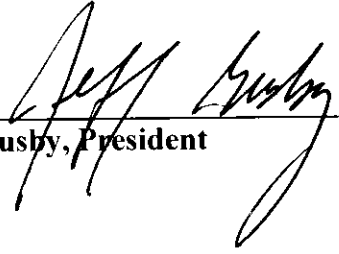
**ORDER: ADOPT PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER AS
ATTENDANCE AWARENESS MONTH**

Motion was made by David Rikard, duly seconded by Chad McLarty, to adopt proclamation declaring September as Attendance Awareness Month.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Supervisor Kevin Frye, voted yes
Supervisor Jeff Busby, voted yes
Supervisor David Rikard, voted yes
Supervisor Chad McLarty, voted yes
Supervisor Mike Roberts, voted yes

After the vote, President Busby, declared the motion carried, this the 17th day of September, 2018.



Jeff Busby, President



Sherry Wall, Chancery Clerk

Lafayette County Board of Supervisors
Proclamation of September as Attendance Awareness Month

WHEREAS, good attendance is essential to student achievement and graduation, and we, the Lafayette County Board of Supervisors, are committed to dedicating our resources and attention to reducing chronic absenteeism rates in the Lafayette County School District with a focus starting as early as kindergarten,

WHEREAS chronic absence – missing 10 percent or more of school for any reason including excused and unexcused absences, or just two of three days a month – is a proven predictor of academic trouble and dropout rates,

WHEREAS chronic absence predicts lower third-grade reading proficiency, course failure and eventual dropout, it weakens our communities and our local economy,

WHEREAS, we, the Lafayette County Board of Supervisors and the Lafayette County School District, encourage and are dedicated to broad community engagement and sustained civic action to help parents get their children to school every day, and we will reach out more frequently to absent students to determine why they are missing school and what would help them attend more regularly,

WHEREAS, together, we will raise public awareness and concern about the toxic impact of chronic absence, while encouraging schools to publish chronic absenteeism data, along with average daily attendance

WHEREAS, chronic absence heightens the achievement gap that separates low-income students from their peers, since students from low-income families are both more likely to be chronically absent and more likely to be affected academically by missing school.

WHEREAS, chronic absence can be significantly reduced when our schools, parents and the Lafayette County community work together to monitor and promote good attendance and address hurdles that keep children from getting to school,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that as the President of the Board of Supervisors, I, Jeff Busby and the Lafayette County Board of Supervisors, proclaim that our county will stand with the nation in recognizing September as ***Attendance Awareness Month***. We hereby commit to focusing on reducing chronic absenteeism to give all Lafayette County children an equitable opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive academically, emotionally and socially.