



Poudre School District Board of Education
Resolution

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NOVEMBER AS
NATIONAL HOMELESS YOUTH AWARENESS MONTH 2021**

WHEREAS, National Homeless Youth Awareness Month was first declared in November of 2007. Since then, November has been a time to acknowledge those children and families experiencing hunger and homelessness; and

WHEREAS, in the 2019-2020 school year, 1290 K-12 students in Poudre School District were experiencing homelessness; in the 2020-2021 school year there were 1312; and there are 889 as of October 11, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the McKinney-Vento Act is designed to provide students experiencing homelessness with resources and protections that remove all educational barriers with emphasis on educational enrollment, attendance, and success; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the proclamation is to educate the public about the many reasons students are hungry and homeless including the shortage of affordable housing within the Poudre School District; and to encourage support for homeless assistance service providers as well as community service opportunities for students and school service organizations; and

WHEREAS, there are many organizations committed to providing shelter, support services, meals and food supplies to students in the Poudre School District experiencing homelessness including: McBackpack food program, The Food Bank of Larimer County, the United Way of Larimer County, the Family Housing Network, Catholic Charities, and housing partners such as Housing Catalyst, Neighbor to Neighbor, Care Housing and others; and

WHEREAS, the Poudre School District Board of Education, staff and community recognize that hunger and homelessness continues to be a serious problem for many students and families in Poudre School District;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Poudre School District Board of Education hereby proclaims November 2021 as National Homeless Youth Awareness Month.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Poudre School District Board of Education encourages our community to recognize that many students and families do not have housing and adequate food, and need support from our community, with assistance from both private and public nonprofit service entities. Please take time this month to find ways to help our homeless youth in our community.

Approved and adopted this 26th day of October 2021.

POUDRE SCHOOL DISTRICT R-1

ATTEST:


Secretary, Board of Education

By:


President, Board of Education