

Hall County, Georgia



Board of Commissioners

WHEREAS, *the COVID-19 pandemic and other crises have eroded positive conditions for learning and created an absenteeism crisis; and*

WHEREAS, *chronic absence, missing 10% or more of school, alerts schools, community partners and families that one or more positive conditions for learning are not in place; and*

WHEREAS, *in the post-pandemic school year of 2020-2021, 18.9% of Hall County School students were chronically absent, which means they missed 10% or more school days; and*

WHEREAS, *the Georgia Department of Education reports that students who are chronically absent from school have a 30% graduation rate as compared to the 87% graduation rate of those with regular attendance; and*

WHEREAS, *students who are chronically absent develop habits that negatively impact the future work force for Hall County; and*

WHEREAS, *showing up for school is an opportunity for students to build routines that can create a sense of safety and belonging, increase engagement and develop trusting relationships with peers, teachers and school staff that increase engagement and motivate them to participate in learning.*

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED *that the Hall County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim the month of September 2022 to be*

ATTENDANCE AWARENESS MONTH

Adopted this 22nd day of September, 2022.

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