

Memo

TO: Charlotte Ciancio, Superintendent
FROM: Whei Wong, Chief Communications Officer
DATE: October 21, 2010

Policy: Communication and Support to the Board (EL 4.8)
Report Type: Decision Making
SUBJECT: AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

Policy Wording: The Superintendent shall not fail to inform and support the Board in its work.

Policy Interpretation: This policy is interpreted to include submitting to the Board a resolution to adopt for American Education Week.

Report: The administration would like to recommend that the Board of Education support the week of November 14-20, 2010, as the annual observance of American Education Week.

WHEREAS, The National Education Association's 89th annual American Education Week gives us an opportunity to celebrate public education and honor individuals who are making a difference in ensuring every child receives a quality education. Public schools are the backbone of our democracy, providing young people with the tools to maintain our nation's precious values of freedom, civility, and equality; and

WHEREAS, The NEA tagline, *Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility*, reflects the Association's calling upon America to provide students with quality public schools so that they can grow, prosper, and achieve in the 21st century. By equipping young Americans with both practical skills and broader intellectual abilities, schools give them hope for, and access to, a productive future; and

WHEREAS, education employees, be they custodians or teachers, bus drivers or librarians, work tirelessly to serve our children and communities with care and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, schools are community linchpins, bringing together adults and children, educators and volunteers, business leaders and elected officials in a common enterprise;

NOW THEREFORE, The Board of Education of Mapleton Public Schools does hereby proclaim November 14-20, 2010, as American Education Week.