



# Santa Fe Independent School District

## Proclamation

### National School Psychology Awareness Week

**Whereas,** All children and youth learn best when they are healthy, supported, and receive an education that enables them to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally; and

**Whereas,** Schools can more effectively ensure that all students are able to learn when they meet the needs of the whole child and provide integrated, multi-tiered supports; and

**Whereas,** Children’s mental health is directly linked to their learning and development, and the learning environment provides an optimal context to promote good mental health through connectedness within the school and community; and

**Whereas,** Sound psychological principles are integral to instruction and learning, social and emotional development, prevention, early intervention and school safety, and supporting culturally diverse student populations; and

**Whereas,** School psychology has over 60 years of well established, widely recognized and highly effective practice and standards that are clearly articulated in NASP’s *Model for Comprehensive and Integrated School Psychology Services*; and

**Whereas,** School psychologists are specially trained to foster and deliver, in the school and community, a continuum of mental health services and academic supports that lower barriers to teaching and learning; and

**Whereas,** School psychologists help children to thrive by nurturing their individual strengths across both personal and academic endeavors; and

**Whereas,** School psychologists are trained to assess student and school-based barriers to learning as well as individual strengths, utilize data-based decision-making, implement research-driven prevention and intervention strategies, and evaluate outcomes and improve accountability; and

**Whereas,** Citizens of Santa Fe should recognize the vital role that school psychologists play in the personal and academic development of our children,

**Therefore,** Santa Fe ISD, does hereby proclaim November 13-17, 2017, as School Psychology Week in the Santa Fe ISD and commend observance to all of our district employees.

**Passed and Approved this 16th day of October, 2017.**

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