

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING OCTOBER AS STATEWIDE PARENT VISITATION MONTH IN ALABAMA

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Board of Education and the State Superintendent of Education strongly support parent and family engagement in the education of Alabama students, and parent engagement is critical to student and school success; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Board of Education is committed to parent and family engagement in our schools as it strives to provide all public school children with an opportunity for a quality education with high academic standards that offer every student an opportunity to graduate and to obtain the necessary skills to be prepared for the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, more than 30 years of research identify parental engagement as a key component in ensuring a child's academic achievement, and a successful partnership between educators and parents is one of the most crucial factors influencing the success of students in school; and

WHEREAS, Statewide Parent Visitation Month provides parents the opportunity to learn how they can become more actively engaged in their children's education by visiting their children's school, learning about the curriculum, consulting with their children's teachers, and participating in school activities; and

WHEREAS, Statewide Parent Visitation Month is an excellent opportunity for Alabama's public schools to emphasize and increase parent engagement, to partner with communities to raise awareness and increase support for public education, and to educate parents and others about Alabama PLAN 2020:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education proclaims October 2016 as Statewide Parent Visitation Month in Alabama and declares this year's theme as **Home and School Partnerships: Breaking Barriers to Learning** that encourages educators, communities, parents, and families to participate in this observance; and challenges educators to solicit sustained, year-round parent and family engagement.

Done this 13th day of October 2016.