

G.5b PROCLAMATION – CELEBRATING NOVEMBER 16 - 20, 2009
AS PARENT AND FAMILY INVOLVEMENT WEEK

WHEREAS, parents are their children’s first and most important teachers; and

WHEREAS, the active involvement and support of parents, families and community members plays a huge role in the success of our schools and helps keep the focus on what’s best for kids; and

WHEREAS, every day in our schools, dedicated volunteers give their time, talents, enthusiasm and ideas to provide meaningful contact with students and unmatched support for teachers; and

WHEREAS, parents, grandparents and family members help in our schools as chaperones, mentors, afterschool tutors, guest readers, booster club members, PTA and PTSA members, guest speakers, classroom helpers, school-based decision making council representatives, homeroom parents, and in countless other roles; and

WHEREAS, family involvement in education also includes the hundreds of ways parents, grandparents and other caring adults support children outside of school, by reading a bedtime story, checking homework, turning off the television, monitoring computer time, ensuring they get proper medical and dental care, augmenting classroom experiences, talking with and listening to their children, demanding high academic standards, setting behavior limits and advocating for all kids; and

WHEREAS, our committed volunteers are credited with raising money, writing newsletters, acquiring grants, working in offices, libraries, classrooms and cafeterias, securing donations, directing traffic, organizing service projects, running afterschool activities, clubs and programs, coordinating incentive and rewards programs for kids and employees, building playgrounds and ball fields, planning school carnivals, festivals and book fairs, getting involved in parent organizations, conferencing with teachers, voting in school board and school council elections, and hosting family nights and chili suppers; and

WHEREAS, parent and family involvement is as important when a student is in kindergarten as it is when he or she is in high school; and

WHEREAS, partnerships between families and schools promote the social, emotional, and academic growth of children and send a message about the importance of education, planting the seeds for a lifetime of learning; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the members of the Fayette County Board of Education express their deep appreciation to parents, family and community members who work as partners with our schools and give of themselves for the good of our children and hereby declare November 16-20, 2009 as Parent and Family Involvement Week.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that this proclamation be spread on the official minutes of the Board of Education.