

Whereas, PSRPs in Baltimore City care for, educate, and serve as role models for our children and communities.

Whereas, PSRPs represent over 100 job classifications in the City including, but not limited to, Bus Aides, Family and Community Engagement Specialists, Community Schools Specialists, Secretaries, Paraeducators, Staff Associates, and Student Wholeness Specialists.

Whereas, PSRPs deserve a week of recognition separate from Teacher Appreciation Week to celebrate their distinct contributions.

Whereas, PSRPs work in our schools and central offices to ensure City schools are able to open and run daily for the purpose of educating Baltimore's most valuable resource, our young people.

Whereas, with the support of the Baltimore Teachers Union, the American Federation of Teachers, Baltimore City Public Schools, communities, school administrators, families, and students, PSRP Appreciation Week will be celebrated in Baltimore and across the country.

Whereas, PSRPs have long been the heart and soul of Baltimore City Public Schools and tirelessly served the schools, communities, students, families, and staff members of City schools.

Whereas, the City Council is grateful for all that PSRPs are doing, have done and will continue to do for their students and school communities.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the City Council of Baltimore, That the City Council recognizes the week of October 3 through 7, 2022, and the first full calendar week of October annually thereafter, as Paraprofessional and School-Related Personnel (PSRP) Appreciation Week to celebrate the invaluable contributions of Baltimore City's Paraprofessionals and School-Related Personnel in educating and caring for our children.

And be it further resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Mayor, the Chief Executive Officer of the Baltimore City Public School System, and the Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the City Council.