

Proclamation

Runaway and Homeless Youth Awareness Month

WHEREAS, public schools and early childhood programs across America reported a record 1.5 million children and youth experiencing homelessness earlier this year; and

WHEREAS, there are over 1,000 homeless children and youth in Adams 12 Five Star Schools; and

WHEREAS, approximately 100 of these Adams 12 students are unaccompanied youth; and

WHEREAS, young people who experience instability due to homelessness are at an increased risk of dropping out of school as these students often lack access to social and economic supports that provide opportunity to post-secondary education; and

WHEREAS, a student who does not graduate is 4.5 times more likely to experience homelessness than their peers who completed high school, and the value of education is critical to ending the cycle of homelessness; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has heightened the importance of collaborative efforts to address youth homelessness and connect youth and families to educational services, thereby ensuring every young person has access to the supports that lead to a healthy and productive life;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Adams 12 Five Star Schools Board of Education hereby proclaims November 2021 as RUNAWAY AND HOMELESS YOUTH AWARENESS MONTH.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Adams 12 Five Star Schools Board of Education also proclaims November 9, 2021 as Wear Green for Awareness Day in Adams 12 Five Star Schools.

Approved and adopted by the Board of Education at its regular meeting of October 20, 2021.