

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Tacoma Public Schools Board of Directors has proclaimed January 2020 as Whole Child Month; and

WHEREAS, each student deserves to be challenged academically; exposed to a comprehensive education that promotes critical thinking and creativity; and prepared for higher education, meaningful employment in our global economy, and lifelong success; and

WHEREAS, each student deserves to be supported by qualified, caring adults, receive access to personalized learning, and learn about and practice a healthy lifestyle; and

WHEREAS, each student deserves to learn in an environment that is physically and emotionally safe, and be actively engaged in learning and connected to the school and broader community; and

WHEREAS, many Tacoma community partners have come together to create a network of social emotional support for students outside the school day; and

WHEREAS, the average graduation rate for Tacoma Public Schools students has increased steadily since 2010; and

WHEREAS, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, most youth in the United States do not get the recommended amount of daily physical activity, and students who lack the food and resources for healthy living are less likely to be attentive in school and have higher absenteeism, which can lead to lower academic performance; and

WHEREAS, students who feel unsafe in school are more prone to truancy and disruptive behaviors, have lower grades, and may drop out of school entirely;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, VICTORIA WOODARDS, Mayor of the City of Tacoma, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim January 2020 as

WHOLE CHILD MONTH

in the City of Tacoma, and express support for a whole-child approach to education.



WITNESS, THEREFORE, MY HAND
AND THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE
CITY OF TACOMA, WASHINGTON,
This 7th Day of January 2020.

Victoria R. Woodards
VICTORIA R. WOODARDS, Mayor

