Resolution

NATIONAL PHYSICAL THERAPY MONTH
October 2018

WHEREAS, children with disabilities receive support from a specialist known as a physical therapist who assists them with achieving educational goals related to positioning and mobility that are developed by the Individualized Education Program (IEP) team; and

WHEREAS, physical therapists are trained to help students with disabilities to promote access to academic curriculum and participation in school activities through strengthening, balance, coordination, and endurance training. This work can include assisting children with conditions such as cerebral palsy and other neurologic disorders, orthopedic impairments such as arthrogryposis, as well as other genetic disorders such as Down syndrome; and

WHEREAS, physical therapy for children who meet the criteria for one or more of the 13 disability classifications listed under Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and require the expertise of a physical therapist to achieve their educational goals; and

WHEREAS, while the immediate objective of physical therapy is to maximize function in the school setting and improve access to the school environment, the ultimate goal of physical therapy is to improve the level of independence of students to achieve their maximum potential; and

WHEREAS, citizens of Prince William County should recognize the vital role that physical therapists play in enhancing the function and mobility of students with disabilities to promote their participation in home, school, and community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince William County School Board and the Superintendent of Schools proclaim October as “National Physical Therapy Month” in Prince William County Public Schools and encourages all school employees to recognize the invaluable contributions of physical therapists.

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