



Proclamation

School Mentoring Month – Columbia County Schools

WHEREAS, mentoring is a strategy for motivating and helping our youth succeed in life by bringing them together in a structured and trusting relationship with caring adults who provide support, guidance and encouragement for young people to reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, a growing body of research shows that mentoring benefits young people in numerous ways, including improvements in academic achievement, attendance, social skills, self-esteem, decision making; and

WHEREAS, adults who mentor are actively committed to helping students explore their abilities, strengths, interests, and talents as these traits relate to career awareness and development; and

WHEREAS, adults who mentor will work with teachers and other educators to help students explore their potential and set realistic goals for themselves; and

WHEREAS, mentoring programs are considered an integral part of the educational process that ensures that every child has value and potential, and each deserves the opportunity to achieve success in school; and

WHEREAS, in collaboration with the Columbia County Chamber of Commerce, the Columbia County Board of Education strongly supports a shared partnership between the community and the schools to ensure our county's future success by utilizing community resources that can enhance and complement Columbia County School System academic and educational programs and help students become productive members of society; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of Schools and the Columbia County Board of Education, do hereby proclaim the month of ***October as School Mentoring Month*** on this fourteenth day of September, 2004, and support the individuals and organizations involved in mentoring and encourage more opportunities for citizens to serve as mentors.