



Quality education is important to the success of any community. Bay County business leaders must take the lead in supporting and holding our district leadership accountable to higher standards and demand excellence in our public school system. A top-rated school district is vital in the recruitment of new workforce, ensuring the future of our military installations and for existing businesses to thrive.

A RESOLUTION OF THE BAY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO ENCOURAGE BAY COUNTY BUSINESSES TO ACTIVELY COMMIT TO MENTORING IN SCHOOLS.

WHEREAS, community involvement in schools has significant short and long term benefits positively impacting the overall success of the local school system; the Bay County Chamber of Commerce has supported numerous community initiatives in support of better educational outcomes, and;

WHEREAS, the Bay County Chamber of Commerce encourages businesses to pledge support for local school-based mentoring programs as there should be no child on a waitlist, and;

WHEREAS, in the last three years, students in Bay County have faced multiple life changing traumatic events resulting in increased poverty, homelessness, mental health crisis and deterioration in classroom behavior resulting in violence within the student population. As a result, public schools have seen higher rates of absenteeism, a decline in student academic success, and;

WHEREAS, structured mentoring programs such as, Elevate Bay, New Horizons Learning Center Mentor Program, Take Stock in Children and other programs, positively impact student attendance, classroom behavior, academic performance and graduation rates;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE BAY COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ENCOURAGES BAY COUNTY BUSINESSES TO ACTIVELY COMMIT TO MENTORING IN SCHOOLS.

THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BE EFFECTIVE UPON PASSAGE.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of April 2022.

Garrett Anderson, Chairman of the Board

Carol Roberts, President/CEO