

SENATE RESOLUTION No. 1836

A RESOLUTION congratulating and commending Buhler High School.

WHEREAS, Buhler High School was awarded the 2003 Standard of Excellence by the Kansas Department of Education for the school's performance in the areas of social studies and reading; and

WHEREAS, The Standard of Excellence is awarded to a small number of schools whose percentage of students in the highest performance levels have met certain expectations defined by the Kansas education community. Four subject areas were tested in 2003: Mathematics, science, reading and social studies. Only 13.5% of Kansas high schools met the Standard of Excellence in mathematics, 15.6% in reading, 11.3% in science and 12% in social studies; and

WHEREAS, The attainment of the Standard of Excellence designation requires having a significant portion of the student body scoring at the advanced and exemplary levels. It is the mark of a school where student learning has been made a high priority; and

WHEREAS, This testing is done to determine whether and to what extent students have learned specific knowledge or skills. The purpose is to identify student strengths and weaknesses and plan appropriate instruction. Assessment totals contribute to an "Adequate Yearly Progress" goal that each school must make according to federal law; and

WHEREAS, For the 2003 testing at Buhler High School the administration created an assessment week. An academic assembly was held to recognize the previous year's achievements and to encourage the students to do well in the forthcoming tests. The regular class schedule was altered to accommodate the testing, homework was reduced; and 150 students, nearly one-quarter of the student body representing the eleventh grade class, participated in the testing; and

WHEREAS, The pride in this recognition can be equally shared by students, parents, teachers and administrators, in that each has a specific role in meeting the challenge to complete statewide academic tests, and to score at a level that commands statewide recognition; and

WHEREAS, Upon receipt of the results of the testing an all school celebration was held, the student rock band played and students enjoyed a picnic lunch in the football stadium. Exemplary certificates were given to 182 students at an academic pep assembly and congratulating comments were made by Senator Kerr and board of education representatives: Now, therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Kansas:* That we congratulate and commend Buhler High School for its 2003 award of Standard of Excellence and urge further commitment to excellence in education; and

*Be it further resolved:* That the Secretary of the Senate provide four enrolled copies of this resolution to Michael Berblinger, Principal, Buhler High School, 611 N. Main, Buhler, KS 67522.

Senate Resolution No. 1836 was sponsored by Senator Dave Kerr.

I hereby certify that the above RESOLUTION originated in the SENATE, and was adopted by that body

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*President of the Senate.*

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*Secretary of the Senate.*