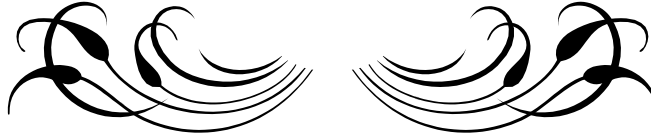


Office of the Mayor
Commerce City, Colorado

Proclamation



WHEREAS, good attendance is essential to student achievement and graduation, and we are committed to dedicating our resources and attention to reducing chronic absenteeism rates, with a focus starting as early as kindergarten; and

WHEREAS, improving attendance and reducing chronic absence takes commitment, collaboration and tailored approaches to particular challenges and strengths in each community; and

WHEREAS, chronic absence predicts lower third-grade reading proficiency, course failure and eventual dropout, and it weakens our communities and our local economy; and

WHEREAS, schools and community partners must do more to track, calculate and share the data on how many students are chronically absent so that we can deliver the right interventions to the right students; and

WHEREAS, chronic absence can be significantly reduced when schools, parents and communities work together to monitor and promote good attendance and address hurdles that keep children from getting to school; and

WHEREAS, engaging parents and the community – including civic and elected leaders, local businesses, faith-based members and nonprofit organizations – to help us spread the message that good attendance matters will help us come up with solutions to ensure all children are in school as much as possible.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Sean Ford, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of Commerce City, hereby proclaim that our community will stand with the nation and Adams County partners in recognizing September as “Attendance Awareness Month.”

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed.

CITY OF COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO

Sean Ford, Mayor

ATTEST:

Laura Bauer, CMC, City Clerk

Date: _____