

National School Day of Non-Violence and Peace

January 30, 2024

Whereas, violence and aggression in schools have become a pervasive problem, impacting students, teachers, and staff on a daily basis; and

Whereas, it is imperative to foster a culture of peace and non-violence in schools to create a safe and supportive environment for all members of the school community; and

Whereas, the Newark Board of Education is committed to addressing and preventing violence in schools through proactive and constructive measures; and

Whereas, there are numerous organizations and individuals dedicated to promoting non-violence and peace in schools; and

Whereas, there is currently no designated day specifically dedicated to raising awareness about the impact of violence and actively promoting non-violence and peace in schools; and

Whereas, a National School Day of Non-violence and Peace would serve as a unifying focal point for existing efforts and allow students to come together to learn, share stories, and develop strategies for promoting non-violence and peace;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Newark Board of Education hereby establishes January 30, 2024 as a National School Day of Non-violence and Peace.

Be it further resolved that the National School Day of Non-Violence and Peace is proposed with the following purposes:

1. Raise awareness about the impact of violence in schools and promote non-violence and peace:
 - To bring attention to the detrimental effects of violence on the educational environment.
 - To emphasize the importance of fostering a culture of non-violence and peace within school communities.

2. Encourage students to take action to promote non-violence and peace:
 - To empower students to actively contribute to creating a safe and non-violent school environment.
 - To inspire students to develop and implement strategies that promote non-violence in their lives and communities.
3. Create a focal point for efforts to promote non-violence and peace in schools:
 - To provide a designated day for Newark Public Schools to collectively focus on promoting non-violence.
 - To encourage collaboration and coordination among schools, community organizations, and individuals dedicated to this cause.
4. Provide a platform for students to learn about non-violence and peace and to share their stories and strategies:
 - To offer students an opportunity to engage in discussions, workshops, and activities centered around non-violence and peace.
 - To showcase and celebrate the positive initiatives and contributions of students in promoting non-violence within their school communities.

This resolution is a testament to the Newark Board of Education's commitment to creating a safe, inclusive, and nonviolent learning environment for all students, teachers, and staff.

Approved by the Newark Board of Education on December 19, 2023.