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LEGISLATIVE ALERT: ASK YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS TO SUPPORT NATIONAL SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY WEEK!

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Action Requested: NASP needs you to e-mail your U.S. Senators and Representatives asking them to sign on as a cosponsor of a resolution designating November 9–13, 2009 as National School Psychology Week!

NASP has worked with your elected officials to develop and introduce a federal resolution recognizing the important contributions of school psychologists and designating the second week in November as National School Psychology Week. The resolution identifies the important role that school psychologists play in remedying barriers to learning in schools and recognizes November 9–13, 2009 as National School Psychology Week. In order for the resolution to be passed by Congress in November, we need to garner as many cosponsors for the resolution as we can.

The resolution was recently introduced in both the U.S. Senate (S.RES. 210 on July 8, 2009) and the U.S. House of Representatives (H.RES. 700 on July 30, 2009) with bipartisan support. Having a strong show of support for this resolution will help pave the way for the adoption of these resolutions in the fall and will also help us garner support for other programmatic legislation in the future.

Please join me in thanking our lead sponsors: U.S. Senators Blanche Lincoln (AR-D) and Thad Cochran (MS-R) and U.S. Representatives David Loebsack (IA-2-D) and Vernon Ehlers (MI-3-R). As of last Friday, July 31, the following elected officials had also signed on as cosponsors to the Senate resolution: Sen. Akaka (HI-D), Sen. Bennett (UT-R), Sen. Collins (ME-R), Sen. Kerry (MA-D), Sen. Stabenow (MI-D), Sen. Begich (AK-D), Sen. Feingold (WI-D), Sen. Landrieu (LA-D), and Sen. Wicker (MS-R).

Here's what we you can do to help:

1. Send a letter to your elected officials through the NASP Advocacy Action Center. Click on the following link and you will be guided through a simple **1-minute process** for sending an e-mail to your elected official asking for their support as a cosponsor. You only need your name and address to submit this correspondence. Click here (or type this link into your web browser):
<http://capwiz.com/naspweb/issues/alert/?alertid=13818481&type=CO>.

OR

2. Call your U.S. Senators or Representatives. Call the Capitol Switchboard at 202-224-3121. If you don't know who your elected officials are, go to the NASP Advocacy Action Center Website at <http://capwiz.com/naspweb/directory/congdir.tt>. Enter your zip code and names of your elected officials will come up. Once you are connected with your elected official's office, you will likely get a voicemail system or a receptionist where you should say, "Hi, my name is (your name) from (your city and state). As your constituent, I am calling to ask you to sign on as a cosponsor of a resolution recognizing the week of November 9–13, 2009 as National School Psychology Week (H.RES. 700 or S.RES. 210). This resolution has bipartisan support. It is being sponsored in the House by Rep. Loeb sack (IA-2-D) and Rep. Ehlers (MI-3-R) and in the Senate by Sen. Lincoln (AR-D) and Sen. Cochran (MS-R). This resolution acknowledges the valuable contributions that school psychologists make in helping struggling students remedy academic, social-emotional, and behavioral problems that create barriers to learning. I am a school psychologist and if you would like to hear more about what I do to support students, their families, teachers, and school administrators, please contact me at (your phone number) or (your e-mail address). Thank you."

3. Forward this e-mail to any colleagues, friends, or family members that you think might be interested in participating in this effort. They do not have to be NASP members to participate.

If you would like to review the school psychology resolution as introduced or check to see if your elected officials have signed on, click on this link (thomas.loc.gov) and enter S.RES. 210 or H.RES. 700 in the search box. Be sure to click the button below the box to search by "bill number."

Thank you for your advocacy efforts and being part of the 1-minute solution! If you have any questions or comments about this alert, please feel free to contact NASP Public Policy Director, Stacy Skalski, at sskalski@naspweb.org or 301-657-0270.

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--Winston Churchill***