

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria is dedicated to the successful education of its children and youth; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria and the Alexandria City Public Schools acknowledge the important roles of parents, grandparents, guardians, and others in the educational development of children and youth and recognize that family engagement in education is critical to student achievement; and

WHEREAS, families have a major influence on their children's educational development by expressing high expectations for performance; creating home environments conducive to learning; and supporting the work of teachers and principals in schools; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria City Public School system places a dedicated emphasis on the importance of family engagement in education with a specific focus on families who have previously been under-represented because of social, economic, racial, or language barriers; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria City Public School system is committed to "Fostering Trustful Relationships Between Families and Schools"; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria and Alexandria City Public Schools recognize the importance of creating and sustaining meaningful partnerships between families and schools; and

WHEREAS, all Alexandrians are invited to participate in family involvement activities during the month of November and throughout the year;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of November 2007 as:

"FAMILY INVOLVEMENT MONTH"

in the Alexandria City Public Schools, and encourage families, schools, and the community to work together to engage all families in their children's education.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 19th day of November 2007.

WILLIAM D. EUILLE MAYOR
*On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Virginia*

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk