

Senate Resolution 302

By: Senators Jones of the 10th, Jackson of the 2nd, Harbison of the 15th, Butler of the 55th, Jeffares of the 17th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Fairview Elementary School on its great success with the
2 Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) initiative; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in an effort to address behavioral and social concerns at the school, the Fairview
4 Elementary administration, Dr. Vaneisa Benjamin and Dr. Vincent Erin, realized the benefit
5 of adding PBIS initiative to the school's curriculum; and

6 WHEREAS, during the 2015-2016 school year, Fairview Elementary participated in Henry
7 County Schools' initiation of PBIS; and

8 WHEREAS, as part of the PBIS program, the school received monthly training from the
9 Department of Education and the Griffin Regional Education Service Agency and the
10 school's PBIS Focus Team met monthly to review disciplinary issues and discuss
11 school-related matters; and

12 WHEREAS, Fairview Elementary revised its original school-wide standard to better reflect
13 life based skills known as the 3Bs (Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be Safe) and applied
14 these expectations across a number school settings, including the cafeteria, hallways,
15 restrooms, and the playground; and

16 WHEREAS, as a discipline component, the school developed a five-part practice that allows
17 students the opportunity to reflect on previous actions and promoted faster communication
18 with parents or guardians; the administration also developed a sensory room, where the
19 school counselor guides distressed students through calming exercises; and

20 WHEREAS, as an educational component, the Second Step Curriculum was implemented
21 to target social-emotional and self-regulated skills and incorporated weekly lessons into the
22 classroom setting while employing more enhanced and engaging approaches with students;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, by implementing the PBIS program, Fairview Elementary has experienced
25 tremendous results, has received state-wide recognition as a PBIS-Installing School, and has
26 had its ranking elevated to 4-star status.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
28 recognize and commend Fairview Elementary School for its efficiency and success with
29 Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) initiative.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
31 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to Fairview
32 Elementary School.