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The following resolution was offered by Gerald Brouillette (16-G), Kim Powers (6-F) Mary Ann Van Osdell (37-D), Parker Ward (38-C), and Suzanne White (16-B) of the LAGOP RSCC,

RESOLUTION

A resolution to recognize and commend Dr. Cade Brumley, Superintendent of Education, for the outstanding success he has achieved for Pre-K through 12 education throughout Louisiana.

WHEREAS Dr. Cade Brumley was appointed Louisiana State Superintendent of Education by the Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education in May of 2020 and

WHEREAS Dr. Brumley has overseen significant improvements in the quality and excellence of Louisiana's public schools, as represented by the following clauses, and

WHEREAS under Dr. Brumley's leadership, it was reported in May of 2023 that Louisiana's Pre-K to 12 education improves five spots as reported in U.S. News & World Report, improving to 41st, (<https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/rankings/education/prek-12?region=LA>) and

WHEREAS the AP recently reported that in 2022 the NAEP reading scores for low-income fourth-graders in Louisiana soared from 42nd to 11th, (<https://www.theadvertiser.com/story/news/2022/10/24/louisiana-4th-graders-lead-nation-in-reading-growth-since-2019/69586914007/>) and

WHEREAS in 2022, Louisiana ranked No. 1 in the nation for improvement in 4th grade reading growth according to the National Center for Education Statistics, (https://www.returntolearntacker.net/instructional_status/) and

WHEREAS Dr. Brumley's COVID-19 return to school plan was deemed the 3rd most aggressive in the United States, according to the American Enterprise Institute (https://www.returntolearntacker.net/instructional_status/), and

WHEREAS, Louisiana's 2022 statewide school performance scores recovered to their 2019 pre-pandemic level (<https://www.houmatimes.com/news/louisianas-statewide-school-performance-score-returns-to-pre-pandemic-level/>), and

WHEREAS Louisiana ranked 9th in overall education freedom, according to the Heritage Foundation (<https://www.heritage.org/educationreportcard/pages/states/la.html>), and

WHEREAS Dr. Brumley revised Louisiana's Social Studies Standards to emphasize American Exceptionalism and Freedom, (<https://www.aei.org/op-eds/overhauling-social-studies-in-a-polarized-era-one-state-chief-tells-the-tale/>, <https://www.heritage.org/education/commentary/louisianas-freedom-framework-doesnt-fit-the->

[radical-narrative, https://www.theadvocate.com/baton_rouge/news/education/critical-race-theory-wont-be-included-in-louisianas-social-studies-standards-official-says/article_7b971d7a-8852-11ec-9944-87855b9c84f3.html](https://www.theadvocate.com/baton_rouge/news/education/critical-race-theory-wont-be-included-in-louisianas-social-studies-standards-official-says/article_7b971d7a-8852-11ec-9944-87855b9c84f3.html)), and

WHEREAS Dr. Brumley created a new parent choice option for school systems to include in their quarantine determination process, countering Governor Edward's radical COVID-19 policies (https://www.theadvocate.com/baton_rouge/news/education/as-state-flips-student-covid-exposure-rules-education-official-calls-it-abrupt-inconsistent/article_9912952c-2205-11ec-aacd-3b07ec795b7e.html), <https://louisianaradionetwork.com/2021/10/01/bese-members-critical-of-new-quarantine-policy/>), and

WHEREAS Dr. Brumley implemented the "Louisiana Reading Revival", a back-to-the-basics approach of phonics-based reading instruction that includes professional development for staff and tutoring and summer remedial opportunities for students (https://www.nola.com/news/education/state-education-department-launches-literacy-program-we-need-a-reading-revival/article_c4795fce-a150-11eb-b0b5-df2d97a21dbb.html), and

WHEREAS Dr. Brumley developed the "Fast Forward" initiative, that was build upon the Jump Start effort and expanded the number of pathways to Jump Start, and also added two other components - one adding to an Associate's Degree by standardizing the process of enrolling in Dual Enrollment Courses; and the other incorporating industry based internships that can lead to certifications, shifting the high school experience by allowing students to graduate high school while simultaneously earning career credentials, a full apprenticeship, an associates degree, or a coherent set of courses leading to a four-year degree, (<https://louisianaradionetwork.com/2021/01/06/ldoe-to-launch-fast-forward-initiative/>), <https://www.louisianabelieves.com/docs/default-source/key-initiatives/louisianas-key-initiatives--fast-forward.pdf>) and

WHEREAS Dr. Brumley expanded school choice options for parents by growing the charter school portfolio as well as supporting increased funding for the Louisiana Scholarship Program (https://www.doa.la.gov/media/chopyeal/19d_department_of_education.pdf), and

WHEREAS Dr. Brumley created the "Louisiana Comeback" campaign, a coordinated, fiscally responsible statewide effort to recover learning loss caused by COVID-19 and catastrophic hurricanes (<https://www.thenewsstar.com/story/news/2021/08/11/louisiana-department-education-launches-comeback-campaign/8095665002/>), <https://louisianacomeback.com/parishes/lafourche-parish>), and

WHEREAS Dr. Brumley proposed Louisiana's first statewide differentiated MFP plan which provides school systems the flexibility to pay teachers more for meeting specific needs such as earning highly effective ratings or taking on additional teacher leadership roles ([https://go.boarddocs.com/la/bese/Board.nsf/files/CPKVEB7CB302/\\$file/AF_3.2_MFP_Formula_2023-24_Recommendations_to_BESE.pdf](https://go.boarddocs.com/la/bese/Board.nsf/files/CPKVEB7CB302/$file/AF_3.2_MFP_Formula_2023-24_Recommendations_to_BESE.pdf)), and

WHEREAS Dr. Brumley launched Louisiana's first accountability plan to measure success in Kindergarten through Second Grade (<https://www.houmatimes.com/news/louisiana-adopts-states-first-accountability-measure-success-in-kindergarten-through-second-grade/>) and,

WHEREAS Dr. Brumley advocated for the prohibition of critical race theory and social emotional learning in K-12 education (<https://www.wvno.org/education/2022-03-09/louisianas-bese-approves-social-studies-standards-after-14-month-process-crt-concerns>,

https://www.theadvocate.com/baton_rouge/news/education/parents-policymakers-push-back-on-proposed-early-childhood-learning-standards-see-proposal/article_37205080-1f3d-11ed-8f22-9b22e3bba854.html), and

WHEREAS Dr. Brumley fought the Biden Administration's attempts to indoctrinate Louisiana students with radical liberal policies, such as allowing boys in girls' restrooms, or boys to play on girls' sports teams (<https://redstate.com/joesquire/2022/09/01/louisianas-top-education-official-tells-districts-they-dont-have-to-adopt-biden-title-ix-transgender-rules-n621139>), and

WHEREAS Dr. Brumley partnered with Crimestoppers GNO to make it easier for students, educators, and families to prevent acts of violence at school through the use of an anonymous reporting app (<https://www.louisianabelieves.com/newsroom/news-releases/release/2022/10/03/louisiana-department-of-education-partners-with-crimestoppers-gno-to-put-safe-schools-app-in-the-hands-of-more-students>), and

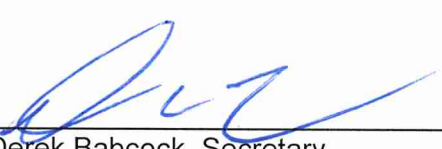
WHEREAS Dr. Brumley has overseen a 52% reduction in teacher vacancies and has advocated for merit-based, differential salary increases.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Republican Party of Louisiana recognizes the excellent work that Dr. Brumley has performed and acknowledges his outstanding leadership in achieving significant improvements in the Louisiana PK-12 education system developing our future leaders.

Done and adopted, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, this 22nd Day of July 2023.



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