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# SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

## No. 76

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**SYNOPSIS**

Designates second Friday in December of each year as “PSRPs in Our Schools Day” in New Jersey to recognize contributions of paraprofessionals and school-related personnel (PSRPs).

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Senate Education Committee on May 6, 2024, with amendments.

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1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION** designating the second Friday in December  
2 of each year as "PSRPs in Our Schools Day" in the State of New  
3 Jersey to recognize the contributions of paraprofessionals and  
4 school-related personnel <sup>1</sup>(PSRPs)<sup>1</sup>.

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6 **WHEREAS**, Paraprofessionals and School-Related Personnel (PSRPs),  
7 which include instructional and non-instructional aides, bus drivers,  
8 and cafeteria, custodial, maintenance, and grounds staff, provide  
9 valuable services within the State's schools, including: one-on-one  
10 or small-group tutoring for students; assisting with classroom  
11 management; acting as a translator; providing instructional support;  
12 supervising students during non-instructional times; preparing and  
13 serving nutritious meals; maintaining a clean, safe, and attractive  
14 learning environment; and assisting in the transportation of students  
15 to and from school; and

16 **WHEREAS**, <sup>1</sup>**[**Paraprofessionals and School-Related Personnel  
17 (PSRPs)**]** PSRPs<sup>1</sup>, through their direct and indirect involvement  
18 with students, play a critical role in facilitating communication  
19 between students, teachers, and parents; and

20 **WHEREAS**, Each serves as an essential member of the education team  
21 on which <sup>1</sup>**[**he**]** the PSRP<sup>1</sup> works and is relied upon heavily by  
22 other members of <sup>1</sup>**[**his**]** the<sup>1</sup> team; and

23 **WHEREAS**, By providing direct and indirect support to students,  
24 PSRPs enable teachers and other educators to better enhance the  
25 effectiveness of their classrooms and schools; and

26 **WHEREAS**, While the tireless and dedicated work of PSRPs may often  
27 go unheralded, their efforts empower students to achieve greater  
28 success in their studies and development; and

29 **WHEREAS**, It is both fitting and proper that the State recognize the  
30 many contributions of PSRPs in our schools; now, therefore,

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32 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the*  
33 *State of New Jersey:*

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35 1. The second Friday in December of each year is designated as  
36 "PSRPs in Our Schools Day" in New Jersey in recognition of the  
37 valuable services paraprofessionals and school-related personnel  
38 <sup>1</sup>(PSRPs)<sup>1</sup> provide.

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40 2. The Governor and the Legislature hereby recognize and  
41 commend <sup>1</sup>**[**PSRPs**]** paraprofessionals and school-related personnel  
42 (PSRPs)<sup>1</sup> for their contributions and call upon the citizens of New  
43 Jersey to participate fittingly in the observance of "PSRPs in Our  
44 Schools Day."

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46 3. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately.

**EXPLANATION** – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined **thus** is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup>Senate SED committee amendments adopted May 6, 2024.