

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 8

Senators Polehanki, Bayer, Geiss, Klinefelt, Chang, Shink, McCann, Cavanagh, Wojno, McMorrow and Santana offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to recognize February 3-7, 2025, as School
2 Counseling Week.

3 Whereas, The American School Counselor Association (ASCA) has
4 designated the week of February 3-7, 2025, as "National School
5 Counseling Week"; and

6 Whereas, School counseling programs are considered an integral
7 part of the educational process that enables all students to
8 achieve success in school; and

9 Whereas, School counselors can encourage students to pursue
10 challenging academic courses to prepare them for college majors and
11 careers in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics
12 fields; and

1 Whereas, In order to ensure that students are college or
2 career ready and aware of financial aid and college opportunities,
3 school counselors play a vital role. Counselors assist students in
4 identifying postsecondary educational options and prepare them to
5 enroll in college, in addition to providing social and emotional
6 guidance; and

7 Whereas, Students are able to explore their abilities,
8 strengths, interests, and talents because of school counselors who
9 are committed to them. School counselors also help students cope
10 with the serious and common challenges of growing up, including
11 peer pressure, bullying, mental health issues, school violence,
12 disciplinary problems, and problems in the home; and

13 Whereas, School counselors work with parents, guardians,
14 teachers, and other educators to help students explore their
15 potential and set realistic goals for themselves, while also
16 seeking to identify and utilize community resources that can
17 enhance comprehensive school counseling programs and ultimately
18 help students become productive members of society; and

19 Whereas, The importance of personal and social development in
20 contributing to academic achievement have long been emphasized by
21 school counselors. They help develop well-rounded students by
22 navigating the way in academic, social-emotional, and career
23 development; and

24 Whereas, The average student-to-counselor ratio in Michigan's
25 public schools is 598-to-1, compared to the 250-to-1 ratio
26 recommended by the ASCA and the National Association for College
27 Admission; and

28 Whereas, The celebration of National School Counseling Week
29 increases awareness about the important and necessary role school

1 counselors play in the lives of students in Michigan and the United
2 States; now, therefore, be it

3 Resolved by the Senate, That the members of this legislative
4 body recognize February 3-7, 2025, as School Counseling Week.