

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 271
Bloomington, Minnesota


REQUEST FOR SCHOOL BOARD ACTION

DATE OF BOARD MEETING: October 23, 2017
SUBJECT: "Lights On After School" Proclamation
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Community Education
APPROVAL OF ADMINISTRATIVE CABINET MEMBER: Tamra Sieve 
Executive Director of Community Education

RESOLUTION FOR BOARD TO ADOPT:

RESOLVED, that the School Board of Independent School District 271 authorizes the attached proclamation declaring the week of October 30, 2017, as "Lights On After School Week," the 18th annual national celebration of after school programs.

RECOMMENDATION OF SUPERINTENDENT:

Approve. 

DETAILED BACKGROUND:

The "Lights On After School" event is a national celebration of after school programs and promotes the critical importance of quality after school programs in the lives of youth, their families and their communities.

There will be an event celebrating Lights On After School at Washburn Elementary on November 3 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. There are many activities planned for that evening including music and dancing in addition to other special events such as games, face painting and a photo booth. The Bloomington Police and Fire Department will be in attendance. Last year approximately 500 people were in attendance.



We help students thrive and dreams come alive

Lights on After School Week

WHEREAS, the Bloomington School Board stands firmly committed to quality out-of-school time programs and opportunities because they:

- Provide safe, challenging, engaging and fun learning experiences to help children and youth develop social, emotional, physical, cultural and academic skills.
- Support working families by ensuring their children are safe and productive after the regular school day ends.
- Build stronger communities by involving our students, parents, business leaders and adult volunteers in the lives of our young people, thereby promoting positive relationships among children, youth, families and adults.
- Engage families, schools and diverse community partners in advancing the welfare of our children.

WHEREAS, the Youth and Family Department has provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in education and well being of our youth, grounded in the principle that quality out-of-school time programs are key to helping our children become successful adults.

WHEREAS, *Lights On After School*, a national celebration of out-of-school time programs, promotes the critical importance of quality before and after school programs in the lives of children, their families and their communities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Bloomington School Board declares the week of October 30, 2017, Lights On After School Week; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Bloomington School Board enthusiastically endorses *Lights on After School* and is committed to innovative out-of-school time programs and activities that ensure that the lights stay on and the doors stay open for all children before and after school.


Ricardo Oliva, School Board Chair

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