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## New Jersey Joins School Psychologists Nationwide in Recognition of School Psychology Awareness Week

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*School Psychology Awareness Week is November 12-16, 2018*

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**Hamilton, NJ & Bethesda, MD** --- The New Jersey Association of School Psychologists (NJASP) is pleased to announce that proposed Assembly Bill AJR171, which designates the second full week in November of each year as School Psychology Awareness Week, has been put forth for resolution. A Joint Legislative Resolution from Assemblywoman Murphy, Senator Singleton, and Assemblyman Conway recognizes this year's School Psychology Awareness Week, as well as permanently designating it as a state recognized week. A Resolution Presentation Ceremony is scheduled for November 8<sup>th</sup> at Assemblywoman Carol Murphy's District Office.

The proposed resolution designates the second full week in November each year as "School Psychology Awareness Week" and includes language recognizing the relationship between school psychology services and student mental health and wellness.

*The state of New Jersey has long been recognized as a national leader in education for the quality of its educational system. An important component of a comprehensive education is attention to mental health. Students today face many challenges to their mental, emotional, and social well-being that can impact their academic performance. Ensuring students have access to mental health resources is critical for New Jersey and its future.*

*School psychologists have an important role in the education system by providing the mental health support that students need to succeed. They have rigorous professional standards with a commitment to the health of students and their families. Children cannot learn if they do not feel physically and psychologically safe, and school psychologists are in a unique position to provide support to students. It is important to recognize and promote the vital work being done for New Jersey students by school psychologists. Their continued efforts will help to ensure a stronger future for the education of children and youths across the State.*

Please join your colleagues across New Jersey and across the nation, in celebration of School Psychology Awareness Week, November 12 - 16. This year's theme, "Unlock Potential. Find Your Password!" highlights how thinking about specific skills, assets, or characteristics as passwords can lead to positive growth. Throughout the week, schools across the country will be taking part in events and activities designed to generate energy and reinforce the connections that power thriving school communities.

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About NJASP --- The New Jersey Association of School Psychologists (NJASP) represents school psychologists working or living in New Jersey. NJASP's mission is to advocate for all children to realize their full potential and promote school psychological services for children and families.

About NASP --- The National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) represents 25,000 school psychologists throughout the United States and abroad. NASP empowers school psychologists to promote the learning, behavior, and mental health of all children and youth.

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