Whole Child Resolution Checklist

✓ Develop your resolution language.
   a. Build your case: What is the “hook” or angle that will resonate in your district or state?
   b. Identify your ask (e.g. recognize a whole child month, generally endorse a whole child approach to education) and your target (state legislature or school board).
   c. Include research and examples specific to your state or district.

✓ Determine your timeframe.
   a. Research the school board’s or legislature’s calendar.

✓ Research lawmakers.
   a. Identify your representative and research his/her priorities and education views.
   b. Research education committee chairs and members.
   c. Identify other possible sponsors/champions.

✓ Cultivate lawmaker support.
   a. Contact your target lawmakers to make the case for a whole child approach and to gauge their interest in and support of a whole child resolution.
   b. Find out if they will introduce the resolution (or introduce it with some tweaks).
   c. Identify your point of contact for follow up.

✓ Engage partners.
   a. Identify key supporters.
   b. Involve your partners throughout the resolution process.
   c. Have them contact their policymakers to ask for support.
   d. Involve them in the outreach efforts.

✓ Develop an outreach plan.
   a. Determine how you will communicate about the resolution to key audiences (educators, media, parents, students, community members, etc.) in your district/state.
   b. Provide these audiences with ideas for celebrating and recognizing the resolution and tips for supporting a whole child approach to education.

✓ Determine next steps.
   a. Identify specific changes related to policy, practice, and/or family and community engagement that will promote a whole child approach to education in your district and state.

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