

*St. Mary Parish School Board*

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the **St. Mary Parish Early Childhood Network** in partnership with other state and local organizations, in conjunction with the National Association for the Education of Young Children are celebrating the **Week of the Young Child**, April 24 through April 28, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the **St. Mary Parish School Board** is continually working to promote and inspire early learning opportunities, which are crucial to the growth and development of young children; and

WHEREAS, early childhood education represents a worthy commitment to our children's future and will bring lasting benefit for the communities of this parish; and

WHEREAS, to recognize how the early years of childhood form a foundation for children's success in school and in life; and

WHEREAS, teachers and others who work with or on behalf of young children, who make a difference in the lives of our youngest learners deserve thanks and recognition; and

WHEREAS, policies that support early learning for all young children are essential in building public support for high-quality early childhood education programs.

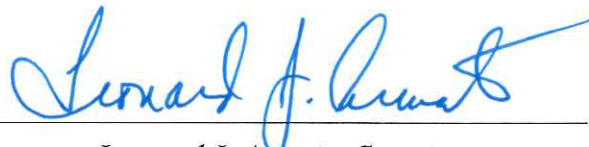
NOW, THEREFORE, **St. Mary Parish School Board**, hereby proclaims, April 24 through April 28, 2017, as

*Week of the Young Child*

*Celebrating Our Youngest Learners!*



Michael E. Taylor, President



Leonard J. Armato, Secretary