WHEREAS, the Social Work Profession, including School Social Workers, for generations has
worked to strengthen the well-being and meet the basic needs of all people, especially people
who are vulnerable, oppressed and living in poverty; and

WHEREAS, this year’s School Social Work Week theme, “Beacon of Hope: School Social Workers
- Lighting the Way” embodies the role of School Social Workers to light the way, emphasizing
the whole child, collaborating with other professionals, linking students and families with
needed services and advocating for their profession; and

WHEREAS, the School Social Work Profession is a diverse profession that allows students of
various ethnicities and religious backgrounds to make an immediate positive impact on their
peers; and

WHEREAS, School Social Workers work with other professions, community groups,
lawmakers, civil rights and other organizations to bring equal rights for all; and

WHEREAS, School Social Workers have been and continue to stand ready to help students
and their families;

NOW THEREFORE, in recognition of the numerous contributions made by School Social
Workers, the School Board of the City of Richmond and the school administration, joins the
School Social Work Association of America, and proclaims the week of March 1-7, 2020 as
School Social Work Week and calls upon all citizens to join in celebration and support of the

Linda Owen
Chairman

March 2, 2020

Jason Kamras
Superintendent