



# AGENDA REQUEST FORM

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

<b>Special Order Request</b>	
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Time	
<b>Open Agenda</b>	
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ITEM No.:

A-2.

<b>MEETING DATE</b>	Oct 7 2014 10:15AM - Regular School Board Meeting
<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>	CONSENT ITEMS
<b>CATEGORY</b>	A. RESOLUTIONS
<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	Student Services

**TITLE:**  
Resolution in Support of National Youth Justice Awareness Month - October 2014

**REQUESTED ACTION:**  
Adopt Resolution #15-81, in Support of National Youth Justice Awareness Month - October 2014

**SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:**  
See text of the resolution.

**SCHOOL BOARD GOALS:**

Goal 1: High Quality Instruction     Goal 2: Continuous Improvement     Goal 3: Effective Communication

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**  
There is no financial impact to the school district.

**EXHIBITS: (List)**  
(1) Resolution

**BOARD ACTION:**

ADOPTED

(For Official School Board Records Office Only)

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**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**Senior Leader & Title**

Brian Kingsley - Acting Chief Academics Officer

Approved In Open Board Meeting On:           OCT 07 2014          

**Signature**

Brian G. Kingsley  
Monday, September 22, 2014 12:13:13 PM

By:   
School Board Chair



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

No. 15-81

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF OCTOBER  
AS NATIONAL YOUTH JUSTICE AWARENESS MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, National Youth Justice Awareness Month was created by a parent after her 17 year old son committed suicide while incarcerated in an adult jail; and

**WHEREAS**, an estimated 250,000 youth are prosecuted in the adult criminal justice system every year, and nearly 10,000 youth are locked in adult jails or prisons on any given day; and

**WHEREAS**, youth in adult jails and prisons are subject to greater risks of violence and sexual assault than any other population; and

**WHEREAS**, youth sent to adult jails and prisons face greater risks of exacerbated emotional and mental health problems, including greater risks of suicide; and

**WHEREAS**, youth of color are disproportionately impacted by state transfer laws; and

**WHEREAS**, the consequences of an adult criminal conviction for youth are serious, negative, life-long, and severely impair youth chances at future success; and

**WHEREAS**, on any given day 600-700 youth under the age of 21 are in a Broward County jail; and

**WHEREAS**, Broward County Public Schools entered into a collaborative agreement to eliminate the Schoolhouse to Jailhouse Pipeline; and

**WHEREAS**, the future well-being of our youth and community depends on the value we place on rehabilitating our youth and providing them with opportunities to acquire the knowledge, skills and abilities they need to develop into healthy and productive adults; and

**WHEREAS**, District staff in partnership with schools, police chiefs, community agencies and organizations work collaboratively to reduce juvenile crime thus eliminating the gateway to the adult court system; and

**WHEREAS**, the School Board of Broward County recognizes that youth involved in the Juvenile Justice System continues to be a serious problem for many students and families in Broward County; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of this resolution is to educate the public about the many reasons students should be provided with rehabilitative and wraparound services that will prevent them from entering into the criminal justice arena.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the School Board of Broward County, Florida; in partnership with numerous police chiefs, community agencies and organizations addressing the pervasive issue of juvenile crime declares

**NATIONAL YOUTH JUSTICE AWARENESS MONTH  
OCTOBER 2014**

and urges everyone within its jurisdiction and under its authority to join in this annual observance.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October 2014.

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Patricia Good, Chair

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools