



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 17-89

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY
AUGUST 31, 2016**

WHEREAS, this great nation has been plagued by the numerous problems associated with drug and alcohol abuse; and

WHEREAS, there is hope in winning the war on drugs, and hope lies in the hard work and determination of our communities to create a drug-free environment; and

WHEREAS, local leaders in government, schools, business, and the community know the support of the people in the neighborhoods is the most effective weapon they can use in their efforts to reduce the demand for illegal drugs and drive away the supply; and

WHEREAS, the International Overdose Awareness Day established by the Penington Institute aims to raise awareness of overdose and reduce stigma of a drug-related death. It also acknowledges the grief felt by families and friends remembering those who have met with death or permanent injury as a result of drug overdose; and

WHEREAS, International Overdose Day is a global event that spreads the message that the tragedy of overdose death is preventable, and is a national campaign designed to promote drug awareness, drug prevention, and drug education programs and activities; and

WHEREAS, in promoting healthy, positive, alternative lifestyle choices, our schools offer scheduled substance awareness programs at each level, utilizing an interdisciplinary approach; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, in connection with Steered Straight FL and Broward FED UP LOCAL hereby declares its support of August 31st, 2016 as

"INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS" DAY

and urges all schools, centers and departments to support this global endeavor and help spread public awareness throughout the school year.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 20th day of September, 2016
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____ and BY: _____
Dr. Rosalind Osgood, District 5 Heather P. Brinkworth, District 5
Chair and School Board Member School Board Member

ATTEST: _____
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools