

## PROCLAMATION

## In Support of Broward County Penny for Transportation Referendum

WHEREAS, The School Board of Broward County, Florida, has 234 schools with over 270,000 students and more than 34,000 full and part-time employees; and

WHEREAS, the safety and security of our students and staff is our number one priority; and

**WHEREAS,** the Broward County Commission has placed the approval of a 1% Transportation Surtax Levy (Penny for Transportation Plan) before the County's voters as a referendum item on the November 6, 2018 ballot; and

**WHEREAS**, The School Board of Broward County, Florida, supports the goal of improving the safety of our students and staff within the Penny for Transportation plan; and

WHEREAS, the 30-year penny surtax is intended to reduce traffic congestion, improve roads and bridges, enhance traffic light timing, develop safe sidewalks and bike paths, expand mass transit, fully fund special needs/on-demand services, fully fund community shuttles, connect greenways, and enhance school safety zones; and

WHEREAS, the Penny for Transportation plan will improve the safety of our students by improving sidewalks, crosswalks, lighting and traffic safety at 80 schools, and fund an additional 40 miles of sidewalks where none currently exist; and

WHEREAS, the referendum would establish a dedicated source of funding for countywide transportation system improvements, including school safety zones, through the levy of a 30-year, 1 cent surtax; and

**WHEREAS,** intersection enhancements contained within the Penny for Transportation plan will improve traffic flow and the safety and efficiency of the District's bus fleet.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, hereby extends its support of the Broward County Penny for Transportation referendum, which is on the November ballot;

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 9th Day of October, 2018.

## THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

By:\_\_\_

Nora Rupert, Chair

By:

Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools