



AGENDA REQUEST FORM

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

ITEM No.:
A-1.

MEETING DATE	2020-06-23 10:05 - Regular School Board Meeting
AGENDA ITEM	ITEMS
CATEGORY	A. RESOLUTIONS
DEPARTMENT	Board Member - District 5

Special Order Request	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Time		
Open Agenda	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="radio"/> No

TITLE:
Resolution on the Commitment of the Broward County Public Schools District to Black Students

REQUESTED ACTION:
Adopt Resolution No. 20-113 - Resolution on the Commitment of the Broward County Public Schools District to Black Students.

SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:
The School Board of Broward County, Florida wishes to affirm a commitment to the Black students of the Broward County Public Schools District.

SCHOOL BOARD GOALS:
 Goal 1: High Quality Instruction Goal 2: Safe & Supportive Environment Goal 3: Effective Communication

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
There is no financial impact to the District.

EXHIBITS: (List)
(1) Resolution on the Commitment of the Broward County Public Schools District to Black Students

BOARD ACTION:
ADOPTED AS AMENDED
(SEE AMENDMENT ATTACHED)
(For Official School Board Records Office Only)

SOURCE OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:	
Name: Andrae Hill	Phone: 754-321-2005
Name:	Phone:

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA
Senior Leader & Title
Dr. Rosalind Osgood - Vice Chair

Signature
Signature

Approved In Open Board Meeting On: JUN 23 2020
By: *[Signature]*
School Board Chair

A-1 Amendment June 23, 2020 Regular Meeting

Motion to Amend (Carried)

Motion was made by Dr. Osgood, seconded by Mrs. Good and carried, to amend Resolution 20-113 and adding a word in the first Whereas paragraph to read: "WHEREAS, current events have enhanced the need for communities and leaders to stand in solidarity and unequivocally declare that the lives of Black students matter, and..."



RESOLUTION

No. 20-113

RESOLUTION ON THE COMMITMENT OF THE BROWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT TO BLACK STUDENTS

WHEREAS, current events have enhanced the need for communities and leaders to stand in solidarity and unequivocally declare that the lives of Black students matter; and

WHEREAS, today, across the nation, Black students continue to experience inequity of access to learning and are disproportionately overrepresented in discipline statistics and special education programming while being underrepresented in rigorous classes and gifted and Advanced Placement; and

WHEREAS, the School Board recognizes that general education research and practice have created a picture that overemphasizes the deficits of Black children, their families and community instead of celebrating them for the unique gifts they bring with them into schools and providing them the opportunity to access more rigorous grade level classes and materials; and

WHEREAS, highlighting the value of our Black students does not negate the commitment of the Broward County Public Schools District in its mission of "educating all students to reach their highest potential." Rather, this resolution aligns with the values of being responsive to the needs of our community and ensuring that we encourage courageous conversations to forge racial equity and disrupt systems of inequity; and

WHEREAS, as outlined in our strategic plan's core values and strategic goals, we commit to relentlessly pursue systemic improvements to operating standards, professional development, and practices that eliminate inequities; ensure educational success for all learners; and enrich the lives of all children in Broward County Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, we speak and act with a shared voice of equality, celebrate our diversity, and provide the necessary resources and supports to eliminate barriers towards fostering a more equitable future for all our students; and

WHEREAS, our School Board, administration and employees take responsibility for actions, decisions, and statements that impact the education system, the community, and the public; and

WHEREAS, the School Board recognizes that, across the nation, disparities between the achievement of other students and that of Black students persist, even though these students have the same academic potential, and all bring uniquely valuable perspectives and experiences to our classrooms.



RESOLUTION

No. 20-113

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, hereby recognizes the powerful impact that acceptance and tolerance have in the cognitive and social development of students and its role as an essential component of a comprehensive and complete education. We are committed to continuing to address systemic racism towards Black students by fostering culturally respectful school settings and implementing policies that embrace inclusion and diversity. To this end, the School Board will continue to equitably invest resources for our students and their families to achieve marked and measurable improvements for Black students.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Broward County Public Schools adopts this resolution and commits to continue taking the following actions:

- *Ask all staff members to encourage all students to exhibit actions that will help promote dignity and respect; rejecting all forms of bullying and discrimination of families of all backgrounds.*
- *Dedicate appropriate resources – such as utilizing academic materials that align with state standards, creating or adding staff positions and providing suitable facilities that allow our students to explore their curiosities for the culture and customs of others.*

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 23rd day of June 2020.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____

Donna P. Korn, School Board Chair

ATTEST: _____

Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools