



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

No. 20-105

## RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE UNITED STATES 2020 CENSUS

The School Board of Broward County hereby affirms a commitment to help promote the importance of attaining a complete and accurate count of Broward County's population as part of the 2020 Census and adopts the following Resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the United States Constitution requires a decennial count of the country's population enumerating every person residing in the United States, regardless of nationality or immigration status, and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Census Bureau has designated April 1, 2020 as Census Day, which is the deadline to submit a complete and accurate count of all persons residing in all counties, cities and states, and

**WHEREAS**, a complete and accurate census ultimately determines the distribution of power and congressional representation in the United States House of Representatives and is used in the redistricting of state legislatures, city and county councils and districts, and

**WHEREAS**, Census data guides the allocation of more than \$800 billion in federal government resources that communities receive for special education, classroom technology, teacher training, after-school programs, school lunch assistance, and more, and

**WHEREAS**, a complete and accurate count of Broward County's children will be the basis of federal funding for their education, in addition to important programs families rely on such as Head Start, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Medicaid, Section 8 Housing and Children's Health Insurance, and

**WHEREAS**, the decennial Census has historically undercounted populations in large urban areas, and

**WHEREAS**, during the 2020 Census, there is a heightened risk of an undercount due to the digital divide, language access issues, and local community mistrust in the federal government, and

**WHEREAS**, the populations that are prevalent in Broward County are at high risk of being undercounted according to the U.S. Census Bureau, and include young children, people of color, low-income households, multi-generational households, language minority families, foreign-born residents, and households with limited Internet access, and

**WHEREAS**, the information collected by the Census is confidential and protected by law and its results are sealed for a constitutionally mandated 72 year waiting period, and

**WHEREAS**, Broward County Public Schools reach, inform and engage nearly a half-million residents,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida will:

- Build awareness of the 2020 Census, and promote and distribute key messages throughout the School District that help explain the importance of the census and dispel fears which often discourage census participation, and
- Encourage teachers, parents and communities to fill out and return their census forms, and
- Designate April 1, 2020 as Census Day.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2020

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

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Donna P. Korn, Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools