



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 09-07

Resolution In Support of Celebrate Freedom Week

September 22-26, 2008

WHEREAS, the state government of Florida has created Florida Statutes Section 1003.421 requiring the last full week of school in September to be "Celebrate Freedom Week"; and

WHEREAS, Florida Statutes Section 1003.421 requires three hours of appropriate instruction in each social studies class, as determined by the school district, which shall include an in-depth study of the intent, meaning, and importance of the Declaration of Independence; and

WHEREAS, Florida Statutes Section 1003.421 requires that during Celebrate Freedom Week public school principals and teachers, at the beginning of the day or in homeroom, conduct an oral recitation of a portion of the Declaration of Independence; and

WHEREAS, Celebrate Freedom Week is a reminder that we were attacked on September 11, 2001 because we are a free country; and

WHEREAS, we are a country of freedom for all, no matter our differences in race, ethnicity, culture, gender, or ability; and

WHEREAS, it is the freedoms that Americans have which is why so many people from so many different countries want to come to our country to live; and

WHEREAS, It is our freedoms that have allowed us to work through our differences and remain united as a country for the past 227 years; and

WHEREAS, to honor the freedoms of our country, we thank our leaders and remember that freedom is not guaranteed in all countries around the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, in conjunction with the state of Florida Statutes Section 1003.421 hereby declares

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CELEBRATE FREEDOM WEEK

and calls for all schools, centers and departments within its jurisdiction to observe this week with appropriate programs and activities.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 19th day of August 2008.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Robin Bartleman, Chair

ATTEST: _____
James F. Notter, Superintendent of Schools