

**AGENDA REQUEST FORM**  
**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

Meeting Date		Agenda Item Number
August 19, 2008	Open Agenda ___ Yes <u> x </u> No	Time Certain Request ___ Yes <u> x </u> No
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TITLE:	Resolution in Support of Celebrate Freedom Week, September 22-26, 2008
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REQUESTED ACTION:	Adopt Resolution # 09-07 in support of Celebrate Freedom Week, September 22-26, 2008.
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SUMMARY EXPLANATION AND BACKGROUND:	In accordance with Florida Statute 1003.421, Broward County Public Schools will observe this week with educational programming pertaining to the Declaration of Independence. “Celebrate Freedom Week” was created by the Florida Legislature in response to Public Law 108-447 which designated September 17 <sup>th</sup> as “Constitution Day”. During the last week of September, K-12 students will learn about America’s founding freedoms and the intent, meaning and importance of the Declaration of Independence.
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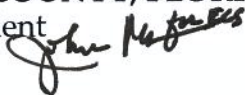
SCHOOL BOARD GOALS:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> •Goal One: Raise achievement of all students to ensure graduation from high school and readiness for post-secondary education.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> •Goal Two: Improve the health and wellness of students and personnel.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> •Goal Three: Provide a safe and secure physical and technological environment for all students and employees.</li><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> •Goal Four: Promote innovation which focuses on best practices and quality efforts that improve our best-in-class position.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> •Goal Five: Recruit, develop, retain, and recognize high performing and diverse faculty and personnel.</li><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> •Goal Six: Build strong partnerships with family, business, community and government at the classroom, school, area, and district level.</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> •Goal Seven: Ensure district’s leadership as an environmental steward through innovative ecology and energy conservation programs.</li></ul>
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FINANCIAL IMPACT:	There is no financial impact to the school District.
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EXHIBITS: (List)	Resolution #09-07 Celebrate Freedom Week, September 22-26, 2008
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BOARD ACTION: <b>ADOPTED</b>	SOURCE OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Diane Carr 754-321-1850 Dr. Louise Ball 754-321-1873
(For Official School Board Records' Office Only)	Name Phone

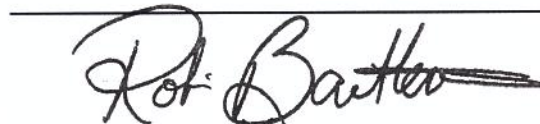
**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
Dr. Earlean C. Smiley, Deputy Superintendent  
Curriculum



Approved in Open Board Meeting on:

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School Board Chair

By:  
Revised July 2008  
JFN/ECS/DC/LB:dkimelstein



*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

**September 22-26, 2008**

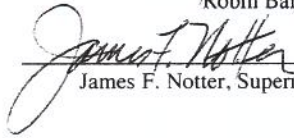
**CELEBRATE FREEDOM WEEK**

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 27<sup>th</sup> day of August 2008.

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

BY:   
Robin Bartleman, Chair

ATTEST:   
James F. Notter, Superintendent of Schools