



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 11-76

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH - MARCH 2011

WHEREAS, the study of music contributes to young people's development through heightened skills in listening, reading, self-expression, and creativity; and

WHEREAS, music education in the schools includes a broad range of types of music and active musical experiences; and

WHEREAS, music and other arts significantly enhance the morale and quality of the school environment; and

WHEREAS, it is the stated objective of the public schools to prepare children for a productive role in our society; and

WHEREAS, recent Florida Department of Education data of all 12th grade students, vetted by multiple major university researchers, conclusively show the more music classes taken, the higher the student achievement in all measures including graduation rate, GPA, FCAT, and the SAT, regardless of ethnicity or socio-economic status; and

WHEREAS, through Music In Our Schools Showcase, MENC, the National Association for Music Education, introduces a new way for millions of school children, teachers, and citizens from around the world to celebrate Music In Our Schools Month, which is an opportunity to spotlight school music programs while promoting the importance of music education in our community and throughout the nation; and

WHEREAS, the Music Educators' National Conference and the Florida Music Educators' Association has designated March, 2011 as MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH, focusing on the theme:

"Music Lasts a Lifetime"

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida hereby proclaims March 2011 as

MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH

and deems it an opportunity to support the purposes and practices of music education;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that every facility within the jurisdiction of The School Board of Broward County, Florida is hereby urged to support this observation, along with the entire community.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 1st day of February 2011.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Benjamin J. Williams, Chair

ATTEST: _____
James F. Notter, Superintendent of Schools