



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 14-21

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ANTI-BULLYING WEEK
NOVEMBER 11 THROUGH NOVEMBER 15, 2013**

WHEREAS, school bullying, harassment and intimidation greatly reduce a student's ability to both achieve and surpass academic standards, it can directly affect health and well-being, thus contribute to excessive absences, physical illness, mental and emotional anguish, long term social and mental consequences; and

WHEREAS, bullying can take physical, verbal, and written forms, including use of electronic media; and

WHEREAS, bullying can have a devastating impact on psychological well-being and is a relentless attack on the soul; and

WHEREAS, bullying has been connected to increased youth and teenage suicide, also known as "bullycide"; and

WHEREAS, incidents of reported school-related bullying in the state and throughout the nation are ample evidence of the need for intervention; and

WHEREAS, workplace bullying amongst employees, employers and parents, increase rates of absenteeism, is contrary to maintaining health, safety and well being of those targeted; and

WHEREAS, bullying can cause stress for individuals and create poor morale within the workplace, furthermore, is ethically and morally unacceptable; and

WHEREAS, it is within the goals of the Broward County School District to provide a healthy, positive and safe learning and working environment for all of the children and adults in our schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The School Board of Broward County, Florida in connection with parent groups, community liaisons and local officials, hereby declares its support of

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and urges all schools, departments, groups, individuals, business partners and community leaders to join in this effort to achieve an environment in the school/workplace that is free from bullying.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 20th day of August, 2013

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____

Laurie Rich Levinson
Laurie Rich Levinson, Chair

ATTEST: _____

Robert W. Runcie
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools