



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 14-69

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ASTHMA AWARENESS MONTH
MAY 2014**

WHEREAS, asthma affects nearly 34.1 million Americans, with over 5,000 deaths attributed to asthma annually; and

WHEREAS, asthma was responsible for 1.8 million emergency room visits, and for approximately half a million hospitalizations annually; and

WHEREAS, asthma is the most common chronic childhood illness in the United States, affects 6 million school age children; and is the 3rd ranking cause of hospitalization among children under 15 years old; and

WHEREAS, children around the country miss 14 million school days each year due to asthma and poor asthma outcome can be attributed to race, income level and geographic location; and

WHEREAS, asthma costs Americans \$19.7 billion each year in the United States, and schools lose 4 billion dollars in Search for Education Elevation and Knowledge (SEEK) funds due to asthma related absenteeism; and

WHEREAS, the School Board of Broward County Asthma Improvement and Management program (AIM) seeks to improve asthma management and emergency response, by implementing a comprehensive, culturally competent, age appropriate, results-driven asthma education training program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, hereby extends its support to the concept and the intent of Asthma Awareness Week to be celebrated and urges all schools, departments, and centers within its jurisdiction to support this community-wide observance.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 17th day of December 2013.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Patricia Good, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools