



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 07-92

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
APRIL AS WATER CONSERVATION MONTH**

WHEREAS, Shortages in the Water Supply have resulted in the commencement of water restrictions in South Florida; and

WHEREAS, South Florida depends upon rainfall for its water supply. While South Florida gets an average of 52 inches of rain a year, the rainfall is seasonal, falling mostly in the summer and fall. The rainfall is also cyclical, meaning there are typically 10-year cycles of drought and flood. To manage water shortages in an organized and efficient manner, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) has adopted a Plan and a Rule to restrict water use when supplies fall short. The goal is to protect the remaining supply by conserving water, preventing saltwater intrusion and assuring a fair distribution of available supplies; and

WHEREAS, Water restrictions apply to all businesses, shopping centers, government buildings, street medians, parks, golf courses and other recreational facilities, as well as area residents who use these surface water sources; and

WHEREAS, The recent lack of rainfall has resulted in continuing water level declines in canals, where levels range from 14.40 feet to 15.10 feet, as of March 15. Phase I water use restrictions went into effect November 17, 2006 and were expanded by a vote of the SFWMD Governing Board on March 15, 2007. Users have specific restrictions designed to reduce surface water consumption; and

WHEREAS, Because lawn irrigation accounts for half of all drinking water used in South Florida, restrictions in the Lower East Coast (Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach Counties) require users to limit all outdoor water use – including lawn watering and car washing – to three days per week and no more than four hours per day; and

WHEREAS, Schools are directed to monitor their use of water to water lawns and surrounding shrubbery, to make certain that each falls within the SFWMD guidelines; and

WHEREAS, Further, Schools are encouraged to share information on how to proactively conserve water with students and parents, faculty and staff.

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

APRIL 2007 AS WATER CONSERVATION MONTH

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 10th day of April 2007.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____

Beverly A. Gallagher, Chair

ATTEST: _____

James F. Notter, Interim Superintendent of Schools