



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

**RESOLUTION**

No. **08-33** —

**RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE NATIONAL RECOGNITION OF  
BROWARD COUNTY - ONE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP GRANT**

WHEREAS, One Community Partnership is a six year grant-funded project currently in its fifth year of development in Broward County; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of One Community Partnership is to create a behavioral health system of care for severely emotionally disturbed youth and their families; and

WHEREAS, this collaborative consists of all child-serving agencies, families, youth and advocates including, among others, Broward County Government, Children's Services Council, University of South Florida (Florida Mental Health Institute), Smith Community Mental Health, the Mental Health Association of Broward County, the School Board of Broward County/SEDNET, the Department of Juvenile Justice, Child Net, Florida Department of Children and Families, Henderson Mental Health Center and others; and

WHEREAS, components of the grant reveal that services are family and youth driven and families and youth have choices including a voice in the selection of services and treatment that they receive and it is important to note that the services provided are culturally and linguistically competent; and

WHEREAS, the Excellence in Community Communications and Outreach (ECCO) Recognition Program is sponsored by the Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services Program for Children and their Families and it celebrates the talents, strengths and successes of communities that are part of a Community Mental Health Services Program to build community-based "systems of care" for children and youth with serious mental health needs and their families; and

WHEREAS, Broward County/One Community Partnership competed in New Orleans Louisiana in August of this year along with 60 other entries submitted by mental health professionals and child advocates from across the country; all entries were peer-judged and the criteria included consideration of planning, cultural competence/family involvement, message execution, presentation, creativity, audience effectiveness, and evaluation; and

WHEREAS, as a result, One Community Partnership was awarded for the second consecutive year, the GOLD First Place ECCO Award in the category of May is Mental Health Awareness Month for their family celebration titled "Healthy Minds for Healthy Children"; and

WHEREAS this event was held at Sunset School and attracted over 200 families to participate in a fun-filled evening which showcased the talents of children that attend Sunset, Cross Creek and Whispering Pines Schools with art displays, poetry readings, singing, dancing and musical presentations and where the families enjoyed face-painting, clowns, popcorn, snow cones, door prizes and were served dinner.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the School Board of Broward County hereby recognizes and congratulates ONE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP on this second consecutive well-deserved recognition.

Given at Fort Lauderdale FL this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October 2007.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Beverly A. Gallagher Chair

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
James F. Notter, Superintendent