



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 08-57

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
BLACK FAMILY TECHNOLOGY AWARENESS WEEK
FEBRUARY 10-16, 2008**

WHEREAS, the National Black Family Technology Awareness Campaign will celebrate the tenth annual **Black Family Technology Awareness Week, (BFTAW)** February 10-16, 2008; and

WHEREAS, **BFTAW** is a national public awareness campaign designed to encourage more African Americans to incorporate technology into their daily lives; and

WHEREAS, partners and corporate supporters for this year's campaign include the IBM Corporation, EMC, US Navy, Lockheed Martin Corporation, Black Data Processing Associates and the National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering; and

WHEREAS, over the past nine years, more than 200 cities across the country, professional and community organizations including; churches, youth groups and schools, hosted activities that not only assisted communities in getting online but also helped African Americans become more competitive by exploring technologies that will enable them to access and leverage key information from virtually anywhere; and

WHEREAS, this year's **Awareness Week** will culminate with the **Black Family Technology Empowerment Weekend**, to be held at the Baltimore convention center as part of the **Black Engineer of Year Awards Conference**, February 16, 2008, in Baltimore, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, there are many facets to the "digital divide," including, but not limited to computer ownership and internet access, the quality of one's internet connection production vs. consumption of technology, computer literacy and skill level, employment in technical jobs, and ownership of internet and other technology related enterprises; and

WHEREAS, participation of African Americans in the "**Digital Revolution**" makes good economic sense and those who embrace technology generally have higher incomes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, in conjunction with others throughout this state and nation, hereby extends its support for the

**Black Family Technology Awareness Week
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and urges all schools, departments, and centers to support this public awareness campaign.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 12th day of February 2008.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Robin Bartleman, Chair

ATTEST: _____
James F. Notter, Superintendent of Schools