



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

NO. 09-37

Resolution in Support of
National Family Literacy Month
November 2008

Supporting the Goals and Ideals of National Family Literacy Month and Encouraging the Implementation of Family Literacy programs in elementary and community schools, adult centers and households throughout the United States;

WHEREAS, November 2008 has been designated National Family Literacy Month by the National Center for Family Literacy;

WHEREAS, Family Literacy's mission is to support the belief that all children are born ready and willing to learn, and parents are their children's first teachers;

WHEREAS, Parents' literacy skills and their attitudes about learning have an immense impact on their children's academic achievement, thus Family Literacy services help parents and children form a learning partnership that ends the cycle of poverty and illiteracy;

WHEREAS, Family Literacy is a research-based, intergenerational approach that improves the literacy, language and life skills of both parents and children by providing resources for families to help them build literacy into their daily lives;

WHEREAS, Broward County Public Schools has one of the oldest Family Literacy sites in the nation which opened at the Charles Drew Resource Center in 1992 and has served over 600 families;

WHEREAS, Family Literacy Program services are offered at over 20 locations in Broward County, increasing the academic achievement of parents and children through literacy activities, educational field trips and events, and technology based instruction;

WHEREAS, More than 1 million families nationwide have made positive educational and economic gains as a result of participating in Family Literacy Programs since 1985;

WHEREAS, in recognizing and supporting the programs that are committed to high quality education for parents to improve their literacy skills thereby preparing them to assist in the education of their children:

Now, therefore, be it Resolved, that the School Board of Broward County, Florida, will join communities across the state of Florida and the United States in encouraging citizens to learn more about the importance of Family Literacy and the services offered by the Broward County Public Schools' adult centers and community schools by participating in

National Family Literacy Month

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 21st day of October 2008

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: _____
Robin Bartleman, Chair

ATTEST: _____
James F. Notter, Superintendent