

Resolution in Support of  
National Entrepreneurship Week

February 21-29, 2009

Supporting the Goals and Ideals of National Entrepreneurship Week and Encouraging the Implementation of Entrepreneurship Education programs in elementary and secondary schools and institutions of higher education throughout the United States;

**Whereas**, according to the Department of Labor, most of the new jobs created throughout the United States in the past decade have come from the creative efforts of entrepreneurs and small businesses, which have been expanding and advancing technology and fueling the recent growth in the economy;

**Whereas**, entrepreneurs have been the source of economic innovation throughout the history of the Nation, and the entire society has been improved because of the new ways of doing things that have been brought about by people who market their ideas;

**Whereas**, 70 percent of high school students want to become entrepreneurs, and entrepreneurial skills will assist students in the future regardless of whether they work in a business owned by others or run their own business;

**Whereas**, the Partnership For 21st Century Skills identified financial, economic, business literacy, and entrepreneurship skills as the types of skills students must have in order to enhance workplace productivity and career options;

**Whereas**, exposing students to the types of market-driven problems faced by entrepreneurs is an excellent example of how educators can use problem-based learning strategies to prepare students for the situations they will encounter in the future, an approach recommended by the National Council on competitiveness in its 2004 report entitled "Innovate America";

**Whereas**, entrepreneurship education has been shown to be especially effective in closing the achievement gap between minority students and others in public schools;

**Whereas**, students who participate in entrepreneurship education programs have better attendance records, perform better on core subjects, and have lower dropout rates than those who do not participate in these programs;

**Whereas**, National Entrepreneurship Week will focus on the innovative ways in which entrepreneurship education can bring together the core academic, technical, and problem solving skills essential for future entrepreneurs and successful workers in future workplaces;

**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 all schools, centers and departments to participate in

**National Entrepreneurship Week**

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 2009

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
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ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
James F. Notter, Superintendent of Schools