



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 09-105

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, approximately one million teens in the United States become pregnant each year; and

WHEREAS, teenage pregnancy compromises the health, economic and educational future of our teens and costs our State hundreds of millions of dollars each year; and

WHEREAS, the teen pregnancy problem crosses all racial, cultural and socioeconomic lines; and teen parenthood has emotional, health and financial consequences that impact teens, their families and society as a whole; and

WHEREAS, unemployment, underemployment and dependence on public welfare are often a result of teenage parents' inability to complete their education; and

WHEREAS, teenage mothers often seek prenatal care late in their pregnancy, if at all, and they frequently suffer higher than average levels of toxemia, anemia and cervical trauma; and

WHEREAS, babies born to teenage mothers are often born prematurely and with low birth weights which can result in long term disabilities and hundreds of thousands of dollars in hospital bills; and

WHEREAS, the increase in the number of younger sexually-active females teens create a larger group of teens at risk for sexually transmitted diseases; and

WHEREAS, all of us play an integral role in preventing teen pregnancy in our respective communities; and

WHEREAS, the School Social and Attendance Department has been coordinating the Teen Parent Advisory Committee, a collaborative community initiative designed to create and enhance opportunities for collaboration between government and parents, community groups, schools, religious institutions, health and human services providers, and the private sector in Broward to implement effective strategies and programs in communities across the county to reduce the number of teen pregnancies; and

WHEREAS, the School Board of Broward County is committed to supporting the Teen Parent Advisory Committee in involving parents, media, churches, businesses, agencies, educational institutions, policymakers and health care providers in helping to prevent teenage pregnancy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, in conjunction with other agencies and organizations, hereby declares May 2009 as

NATIONAL TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION MONTH

And urges everyone within its jurisdiction and under its authority to join in this annual observance.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 5th day of May, 2009.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____
Maureen S. Dinnen, Chair

Attest: _____
James F. Notter, Superintendent of Schools