



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 09-109

Resolution Recognizing the Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome (EDS)

WHEREAS, the Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome (EDS) is a heterogeneous group of heritable connective tissue disorders affecting approximately 1 in 5,000 to 10,000 men and women of all ethnic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, EDS, is named after two physicians (Ehlers and Danlos) who described the forms of the condition in the early 1900s; and

WHEREAS, Ehlers Danlos National Foundation (EDNF) was founded in 1985 by Nancy Rogowski, and today there are over 2,000 members and 40 local branches and support groups; and

WHEREAS, because of the diligent efforts of one woman to locate other individuals similarly situated, EDNF has grown and a vital information link has been established to and from the medical community in the hope that an early and accurate diagnosis can be made; and

WHEREAS, individuals with EDS have a defect in their connective tissue which provides support to many body parts such as the skin, muscles and ligaments; and

WHEREAS, one of the most important things you can do to help an individual with this condition is to learn as much as you can about it, including the type they have, how severely he or she is affected, what limitations may apply, and be educated on the ways you could assist in case of injury.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, in conjunction with the EDNF, urges the entire community to help promote a better understanding of the needs of students with EDS.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 19th day of May 2009.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY FLORIDA

BY: _____
Maureen S. Dinnen, Chair

ATTEST: _____
James F. Notter, Superintendent of Schools