



*The School Board of Broward County, Florida*

# RESOLUTION

No. 10-14

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ANTI-BULLYING WEEK  
OCTOBER 4 THROUGH OCTOBER 10, 2009**

**WHEREAS**, school bullying, harassment, and intimidation greatly reduce a student's ability to both achieve and surpass academic standards, it can directly affect health and well-being, thus contribute to excessive absences, physical illness, mental and emotional anguish, long term social and mental consequences; and

**WHEREAS**, bullying can take physical, verbal, and written forms, including use of electronic media; and

**WHEREAS**, bullying can have a devastating impact on psychological well-being and is a relentless attack on the soul; and

**WHEREAS**, bullying has been connected to increased youth and teenage suicide, also known as "bullycide"; and

**WHEREAS**, incidents of reported school-related bullying in the state and throughout the nation are ample evidence of the need for intervention; and

**WHEREAS**, workplace bullying amongst employees, employers, and parents, increase rates of absenteeism, is contrary to maintaining health, safety, and well being of those targeted; and

**WHEREAS**, bullying can cause stress for individuals and create poor morale within the workplace, furthermore, is ethically and morally unacceptable; and

**WHEREAS**, it is within the goals of the Broward County School District to provide a healthy, positive, and safe learning and working environment for all of the children and adults in our schools; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida in connection with parent groups, community liaisons, and local officials, hereby declares its support of

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and urges all schools, departments, groups, individuals, business partners, and community leaders, to join in this effort to achieve an environment in the school/workplace that is free from bullying.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 1st day of September, 2009

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

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Maureen S. Dinnen, Chair

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