



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 17-03

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ATTENDANCE AWARENESS MONTH
SEPTEMBER 2016**

WHEREAS, cities and communities across the country are confronted with the issue of one in four students missing a month or more of school, placing them at risk of academic failure, drop out risk and reduced socialization; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the School Board of Broward County, Florida to increase student achievement. Research has shown a direct correlation between student attendance and academic achievement; and

WHEREAS, chronic absence is defined by Florida State Statutes as a student who has had at least five unexcused absences, or absences for which the reasons are unknown, within a calendar month, or 10 unexcused absences, or absences for which the reasons are unknown, within a 90-calendar-day period, may be exhibiting a pattern of non-attendance (F.S. 1003.26 (1) (b)), contributes to lower student achievement; and

WHEREAS, chronic absenteeism is a proven predictor of struggles in academics. Chronic absenteeism also increases the likelihood of dropping out; and

WHEREAS, The School Board of Broward County has partnered with community agencies such as The State Attorney's Office and state funded Children in Need of Services/Families in Need of Services (CINS/FINS) agencies to address the needs of students demonstrating chronic absence, both excused and unexcused; and

WHEREAS, ensuring and monitoring regular school attendance is the responsibility of all stakeholder groups in Broward County, Florida,

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

September 2016 as Attendance Awareness Month

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

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 16th day of August 2016.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Dr. Rosalind Osgood, Chair

Attest: Robert W. Runcie, Superintendent of Schools