



The School Board of Broward County, Florida

RESOLUTION

No. 23-16

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP WEEK
OCTOBER 17 THROUGH OCTOBER 21, 2022**

WHEREAS, digital media is driving significant changes to the ways children live and learn, and those changes bring exciting opportunities, such as new career paths and innovative means of self-expression; and

WHEREAS, studies show technology and media use begins at an increasingly young age, with as many as 38% of children under two years of age using mobile devices for media; and

WHEREAS, teenagers have been shown to use an average of nine hours of media daily, not including media use for school or homework; and

WHEREAS, digital media also poses potential dangers, including cyberbullying and exploitation, if not managed appropriately through education or other means; and

WHEREAS, when parents and educators are unaware of what activities are being conducted online, the result can be an increase in cyberbullying and online victimization; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Youth Risk Behavior Survey shows that 12.1% of high schoolers and 17.4% of middle schoolers in Broward County report they have been electronically bullied; and

WHEREAS, when students, parents, and lawmakers work together to ensure children learn how to navigate the digital world safely and responsibly, students can become Digital Citizens who appreciate the responsibility they hold for their choice of content and actions when using the Internet, cell phones, or other digital media; and

WHEREAS, per Technology Usage Policy 5306, it is within the goals of the Broward County School District that technology should play a vital role in meeting the needs of all students in an acceptable and safe manner;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, 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 raise awareness and educate teachers, parents and children on how to manage digital media so students can become Digital Citizens who safely and responsibly harness their educational and creative powers to achieve success in the 21st century.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 17th day of August 2022

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

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Laurie Rich Levinson, Chair

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