



RESOLUTION

No. 24-56

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH
FEBRUARY 2024 and
FEBRUARY 12 – 16, 2024 as RESPECT WEEK**

WHEREAS, approximately 8.8 million children witness domestic violence each year. Children who have witnessed violence at home are also five times more likely to commit or suffer violence when they become older, 89% of teens between the ages of thirteen and eighteen say they have been in dating relationships and only half of all tweens (ages 11-14) claim to know the warning signs of a bad/hurtful relationship. One in three teenagers report knowing a friend or peer who has been hit, punched, kicked, slapped, choked or physically hurt by their partner. 42% of boys and 43% of girls say the abuse occurs in a school building or on school grounds. And, if trapped in an abusive relationship, 73% of teens said they would turn to a friend for help; but only 33% who have been in or known about an abusive relationship said they have told anyone about it; and,

WHEREAS, many teens living with dating violence do so in silence. Their silence is due to fear. As a community, we must not be silent on this issue and must actively promote dating violence awareness in addition to supporting and promoting programs offering vital prevention and assistance services to our community; and

WHEREAS, Broward County schools has partnered with numerous community agencies to create support and dating violence prevention programming within Broward County schools as well as curriculum to support these efforts; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, in conjunction with other agencies and organizations, hereby declares **FEBRUARY 2024** as

**TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH
and declares
FEBRUARY 12 – 16, 2024 as RESPECT WEEK**

and urges and encourages all students, teachers and staff to help raise awareness about dating violence and prevention of dating violence by participating in prevention messaging activities which can be found at the website BrowardPrevention.org.

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida this 8th day of August 2023

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY:

Lori Alhadeff
Lori Alhadeff, Chair

ATTEST:

Peter B. Licata
Dr. Peter B. Licata, Superintendent of Schools

The Resolution is compliant with State and Federal Laws.