

ORANGE COUNTY  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

Meeting Date: November 7, 2011

AGENDA ITEM No. 11-11-11

ACTION ITEM: (Y/N) Y

SUBJECT: American Education Week PROCLAMATION

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ATTACHMENTS: 1. Proclamation for American Education Week.

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**PURPOSE:** To allow the Board of Education the opportunity to formally issue their support for the outstanding work being done in the district's schools.

**BACKGROUND:** This year marks the 90th anniversary of American Education Week. The celebration of the nation's schools and teachers was initiated in response to the fact that nearly 25 percent of the draftees during World War I were illiterate and 9 percent were physically unfit. American Education Week was founded by members of the American Legion and representatives of the National Education Association (NEA) to raise public awareness of the importance of education. In 1921, the NEA Representative Assembly in Des Moines, Iowa, called for designation of one week each year to spotlight education. In its resolution, the NEA called for: "An educational week ... observed in all communities annually for the purpose of informing the public of the accomplishments and needs of the public schools and to secure the cooperation and support of the public in meeting those needs."

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** None.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Superintendent recommends the Board of Education approve the American Education Week Proclamation.

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Education**

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**AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK**

November 13-19, 2011

**A PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, public education is the cornerstone of our democracy, providing children and young adults with the vital tools and experiences they need to maintain our state and nation's enduring values of liberty, equality and freedom; and

WHEREAS, school staff, regardless of position, have dedicated themselves to the service of our students and the community; and

WHEREAS, by preparing our students with the knowledge and skills required for the 21st century, our schools guarantee them access to a successful future; and

WHEREAS, school staff, parents, civic organizations and community members strive to provide all students with the best academic program available;

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Orange County Board of Education do hereby proclaim November 13-19, 2011 as American Education Week.

This the 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2011.

Orange County Board of Education

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Donna Coffey, Chairperson

By: \_\_\_\_\_

G. Patrick Rhodes, Superintendent