

ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

~Resolution~

NATIONAL SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER WEEK
MARCH 4-8, 2013

WHEREAS week of March 4-8, 2013, has been designated as “National School Social Worker Week”; *and*

WHEREAS the primary mission of social work is to enhance human well-being and help meet the basic needs of all people, especially the most vulnerable; *and*

WHEREAS the social work profession creates pathways to full participation in society; *and*

WHEREAS school social workers have long advocated that the education system of the United States must provide equitable opportunities for all students; *and*

WHEREAS personal and social growth results in increased academic achievement; *and*

WHEREAS school social workers help develop well-rounded students by guiding the students through academic, personal, social and career development; *and*

WHEREAS school social workers assist with and coordinate efforts to foster a positive school culture resulting in a safer learning environment for all students; *and*

WHEREAS school social workers have been instrumental in helping students, teachers, and parents deal with personal trauma as well as tragedies in the community and the United States; *and*

WHEREAS students face myriad challenges every day, including peer pressure, depression, the deployment of family members to serve in conflicts overseas, and school violence; *and*

WHEREAS school social workers are one of the few professionals in a school building who are trained in both education and mental health matters; *and*

WHEREAS social workers help people function better in their environments, improve their relationships with others, and solve personal and family problems through a wide range of psychosocial services; *and*

WHEREAS the celebration of National School Social Worker Week would increase awareness of the important and necessary role school social workers play in the lives of students in the United States; *now, therefore, be it*

RESOLVED that the Orange County Board of Education designates the week of March 4 through 8, 2013, as “National School Social Worker Week”; *and be it finally*

RESOLVED that this special week serve as a fitting time to urge all Orange County residents to express their gratitude to our school social workers and recognize the critical role they perform for our students and schools.



February 25, 2013

Donna Coffey
Chair, Orange County Board of Education

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Superintendent, Orange County Schools