

ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

~Resolution~

NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELOR WEEK  
FEBRUARY 4-8, 2013

WHEREAS the American School Counselor Association has designated the week of February 4 through 8, 2013, as “National School Counseling Week”; *and*

WHEREAS the importance of school counseling has been recognized through the inclusion of elementary and secondary school counseling programs in amendments to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.); *and*

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

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

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

WHEREAS the celebration of National School Counseling Week would increase awareness of the important and necessary role school counselors 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 February 4 through 8, 2013, as “National School Counseling 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 Counselors and recognize the critical role they perform for our students and schools.



January 28, 2013

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Donna Coffey  
Chair, Orange County Board of Education

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G. Patrick Rhodes  
Superintendent, Orange County Schools