Resolution In Support Of Stronger Together Deerfield

WHEREAS, Stronger Together Deerfield is a collaborative, community-wide initiative bringing together local government, schools, municipal and civic organizations, businesses, nonprofits and other partners to promote well-being, resilience, and connection for all residents; and

WHEREAS, the initiative aims to address growing concerns about youth mental health, social connection, digital balance and resilience through shared messaging, coordinated efforts and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, Deerfield Public Schools District 109 recognizes that fostering emotional resilience, social skills and academic success in our young people requires a united, community-wide approach; and

WHEREAS, we believe that by working together across sectors, we can create stronger connections and better support for children, families and the broader Deerfield community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Deerfield Public Schools District 109 affirms its support for the Stronger Together Deerfield initiative and commits to taking the following actions during the 2025-2026 school year to help advance its goals:

1. **Launch the Let Grow program** in elementary schools to foster independence and resilience in students.
2. **Provide targeted professional development** for staff to strengthen practices that build student resilience, social-emotional skills and digital balance.
3. **Offer a series of family programming** to equip parents and caregivers with strategies to support children's academic, social and emotional well-being.
4. **Coordinate work and communication** with community partners to align initiatives that promote student growth, success and well-being.
5. **Investigate opportunities to expand access** to and utilization of wraparound services for children and families in the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Deerfield Public Schools District 109 will work in partnership with other Stronger Together Deerfield participants to share resources, coordinate communications and contribute to a unified community that promotes resilience, wellness and belonging.

Adopted this 21st day of August, 2025, by the District 109 Board of Education.

Kate Joyce

Kate Joyce, Board of Education Secretary