

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS HIGH SCHOOL

Fort Lauderdale, Florida

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR MILITARY-CONNECTED FAMILIES AND STUDENTS

(RAIDERS WHO SERVE INITIATIVE)

WHEREAS, St. Thomas Aquinas High School is rooted in Catholic tradition, dedicated to Gospel values, academic excellence, leadership, and moral development, honoring human dignity created in the image and likeness of God; and

WHEREAS, members of the United States Armed Forces and their families demonstrate extraordinary sacrifice, selflessness, and commitment to protecting our nation's freedom and security; and

WHEREAS, military-connected students undergo unique educational, social, and emotional experiences, including frequent school relocations, extended parental deployments, and adjusting to new peer networks while upholding the responsibilities of daily academic life; and

WHEREAS, St. Thomas Aquinas High School recognizes that supporting those who serve extends to creating a welcoming, supportive, and compassionate environment for their children and spouses; and

WHEREAS, through the *Raiders Who Serve* framework and Campus Ministry, the STA community seeks to put faith into action by fostering fellowship, service, and leadership rooted in Christ;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that St. Thomas Aquinas High School hereby affirms its full support and commitment to military-connected students and their families through the following commitments:

1. Welcoming and Seamless Transition Support

The school administration, admissions team, and counseling staff will ensure a smooth, compassionate intake process for military-connected families. STA will assist in the timely transfer of academic records, course placement, and extracurricular integration, keeping with the principles of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children.

2. Peer Mentorship and Student Leadership

Under the *Raiders Who Serve* initiative, STA will designate and train student peer mentors to welcome incoming military-connected Raiders, helping them navigate campus life, join activities, and build lasting friendships from day one.

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3. Academic and Pastoral Resources

STA Campus Ministry and the Student Services Department will offer dedicated academic, spiritual, and emotional support to students navigating parental deployments or geographic separations.

4. Community Recognition and Prayer

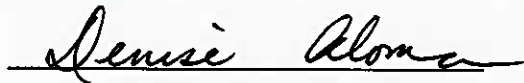
St. Thomas Aquinas High School will regularly honor active-duty military personnel, veterans, and military families within the school community during designated Masses, prayer services, and campus events.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be permanently archived in the official records of St. Thomas Aquinas High School, shared with the school community, and posted to reflect STA's continuing commitment as a home for military families.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 25th day of September, 2026.

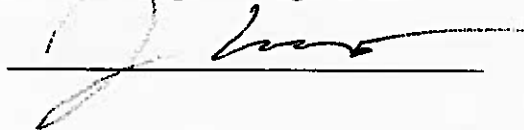
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