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RESOLUTION

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF
NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH
JANUARY 2027**

NO: *27-59*

WHEREAS, National Mentoring Month focuses attention on the need for mentors as well as how each of us – individuals, businesses, government agencies, schools, faith communities and nonprofits – can work to increase the numbers of mentoring relationships and help insure positive outcomes for young people; and

WHEREAS, mentoring allows youth to grow and improve themselves by bringing people from all walks of life together and studies have shown that young people benefit from positive, nurturing relationships with others whose life experiences reflect those of the student; and

WHEREAS, according to Mentoring.org, quality mentoring promotes healthy relationships and communication, positive self-esteem, and emotional well-being; students who meet regularly with their mentors are more than 52% less likely than their peers to skip a day of school; 46% less likely to engage in drug and alcohol use; and 55% more likely to graduate high school and enroll in college; and

WHEREAS, Broward County Public Schools honors volunteer mentors who support young people by showing up for them every day and demonstrating their commitment to helping them strive and each of the benefits of mentoring described in this resolution serves to link youth to economic and social opportunities while also strengthening their communities; and

WHEREAS, research confirms that quality mentoring relationships have positive effects on young people in a variety of personal, academic, and professional situations and connects youth to personal growth and development and social and economic opportunities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The School Board of Broward County, Florida, proclaims January 2026 as National Mentoring Month, and call upon the people of Broward County to recognize the importance of mentoring to improve the lives of all students and to look for opportunities to serve as mentors in Broward County Public Schools, and to observe this month with appropriate activities and programs.

**NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH
JANUARY 2027**

Given at Fort Lauderdale, Florida, this 28th day of July 2026.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

APPROVE: _____
Sarah Leonardi, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Dr. Howard Hepburn, Superintendent of Schools

This Resolution is compliant with State and Federal Laws.