

RESOLUTION NO. 2009- 51

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO PROTECT FUNDING FOR FLORIDA'S K-12 GRADE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 1 of the Constitution of the State of Florida has declared that the education of children is a fundamental value to the people of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, budget cuts to critical services such as K-12 education are disruptive to the educational system and to the education of the citizens of Nassau County; and

WHEREAS, unfunded and underfunded mandates from the Florida Legislature negatively affect the County and its citizens by constraining and distorting funds which would otherwise be properly determined by home rule; and

WHEREAS, Nassau County's K-12 educational system is currently underfunded and in great need of assistance; any further cuts to the educational system would prove greatly detrimental to the current state of K-12 education; and

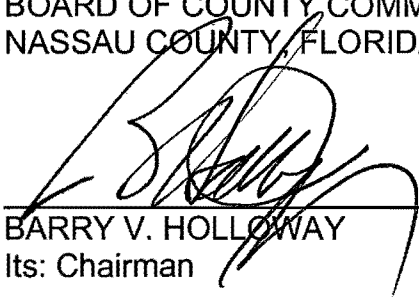
WHEREAS, necessary spending on education will greatly benefit the County as a whole, as it will decrease the need for other social programs which drain the tax revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 18th day of March, 2009, that the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, hereby finds and determines that:

1. The Nassau County Board of County Commissioners hereby petitions the State Legislature to review current statewide spending and allocation of tax dollars to determine the availability of funds to allocate to and adequately fund the State's K-12 educational system, including the Nassau County School District.

2. The Nassau County Board of County Commissioners requests that the Legislature consider methods of generating revenue, if necessary, to protect and enhance the State's K-12 educational system.
3. The Nassau County Board of County Commissioners requests that the Legislature avoid cutting the budget for the State's K-12 educational system.
4. The Nassau County Board of County Commissioners requests that the Legislature restructure and reprioritize funding for currently unfunded and underfunded mandates, including any unfunded and underfunded mandates that pertain to K-12 education.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA



BARRY V. HOLLOWAY
Its: Chairman

ATTESTATION: ONLY TO AUTHENTICITY
AS TO CHAIRMAN'S SIGNATURE:
~~Attest as to Chairman's Signature:~~



JOHN A. CRAWFORD
Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

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Approved as to form by the
Nassau County Attorney:



DAVID A. HALLMAN