

Pinellas County School Board

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IN RECOGNITION OF
CYBERBULLYING AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS, cyberbullying is willful and repeated harm when a child or teen is embarrassed, harassed, or threatened by another child or teen using text or images through the Internet, interactive technologies, digital technologies, and/or mobile phones; **and**

WHEREAS, forty-three percent of teens aged 13 to 17 report that they have experienced some sort of cyberbullying; 1 in 4 has had it happen more than once; **and**

WHEREAS, ninety-five percent of social media-using teens who have witnessed cruel behavior on social networking sites say they have seen others ignoring the mean behavior; **and**

WHEREAS, only 1 in 10 victims will inform a parent or trusted adult of their abuse, and only 1 in 6 parents know their child has been bullied via a social networking site; **and**

WHEREAS, eighty-one percent of youth agree that bullying online is easier to get away with than bullying in person; **and**

WHEREAS, children and teens who experience cyberbullying are more likely to have low self-esteem, have poor grades, have an unwillingness to attend school, experience stress related health concerns, experience in-person bullying, use drugs and alcohol, retaliate through violent measures, and increased thoughts/attempts of suicide that persist into adulthood; **and**

WHEREAS, parents and communities share the responsibility for, and have the ability to, prevent cyberbullying, and to promote healthy and safe relationships for children and teens; **and**

WHEREAS, participation in awareness campaigns, ongoing communication, and education programs, could help reduce cyberbullying incidents by giving parents, children, teens, schools, and the community-at-large increased information on cyberbullying;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the School Board of Pinellas County that September 23-27, 2013 be recognized as

CYBERBULLYING AWARENESS WEEK

By: _____
Chairperson

Attest: _____
Superintendent