

# ***PROCLAMATION***

## ***American Education Week***

**WHEREAS**, public education is the backbone of our democracy, providing young people with the tools they need to maintain our nation's precious values of freedom, civility and equality; and

**WHEREAS**, by equipping young Americans with both practical skills and broader intellectual abilities, schools give them hope for, and access to, a productive future; and

**WHEREAS**, public education employees, be they educators, substitute educators, higher education faculty and staff, custodians, teachers, bus drivers, clerical workers, food service professionals, skilled trades workers, health and student service workers, security guards, technical employees, or librarians, work tirelessly to serve our children and communities with care and professionalism; and

**WHEREAS**, public schools are the foundations of neighborhoods and communities, bringing together adults and children, educators and volunteers, business leaders, and elected officials in a common purpose.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the School Board and Superintendent of Pinellas County Schools do hereby proclaim November 18-22, 2013, as

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and urge all that observe this week by taking time to recognize and acknowledge the impact of public education on our lives.



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Superintendent

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School Board Chair

**November 12, 2013**

Date