

PROCLAMATION
NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH

WHEREAS, mentoring provides an exemplary opportunity for youth in Palm Beach County to have more positive role models in their lives; and

WHEREAS, mentoring is connecting caring adult volunteers with young people in our schools and communities to promote their successes, encourage healthy behaviors, and build stronger communities; and

WHEREAS, mentoring volunteers give time and support, share a skill or experience, and are willing to share knowledge; and

WHEREAS, mentoring assists youth in maintaining good attendance, improving academic achievement, and improving high school graduation rates; and

WHEREAS, research shows that mentored youth are 52% less likely to skip a day of school, 46% less likely to start using drugs, and 27% less likely to start drinking; and

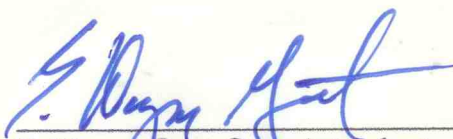
WHEREAS, mentoring is a true partnership, requiring businesses, volunteers, administrators, teachers, students, parents, and private and public community members to work together to provide a successful program; and

WHEREAS, mentoring volunteers contribute significantly to enhance community involvement and civic enjoyment opportunities; and

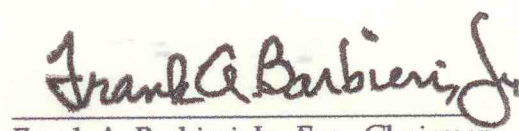
WHEREAS, National Mentoring Month provides an opportunity to recognize and commend the efforts of these programs and raise community awareness of the importance of mentoring.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Superintendent and School Board of Palm Beach County do hereby proclaim the month of January 2012 as *National Mentoring Month*.

Done this eighteenth day of January, two thousand twelve, in West Palm Beach, Florida



E. Wayne Gent, Superintendent



Frank A. Barbieri, Jr., Esq., Chairman

