



**Proclamation No. P26-004
Newspaper in Education Week
March 2-6, 2026**

WHEREAS, research tells us that the best way to help children discover the joy of reading and become lifelong readers is to involve them early and often; and

WHEREAS, helping a child learn and love to read improves students' chances for success in school and beyond; and

WHEREAS, research shows that students who learn using the newspaper as an educational resource are more likely to become lifelong readers and informed and engaged citizens; and

WHEREAS, Newspaper in Education is an international program that encourages the use of the daily newspaper as a "living textbook" for students from primary through adult education levels; and

WHEREAS, the Tampa Bay Times and Hernando Sun Newspaper in Education programs serve educators, students and families by providing classroom newspapers, companion materials and instructional support; and

WHEREAS, Newspaper in Education Week is commemorated and celebrated annually during the first full school week in March;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Hernando County School Board is pleased to commemorate Newspaper in Education Week 2026 and encourages students to read the newspaper daily in school and at home to enhance and enrich their lives.

Adopted at the regular session of the School Board meeting held on this 24th day of February 2026.

Kayce Hawkins
Board Chair

Ray Pinder
Superintendent