

Resolution No. R 22-004

**A Resolution of the School Board of Hernando County, Florida
Establishing a Coach Aaron Feis Guardian Program**

WHEREAS, the School Board of Hernando County, Florida (the "School Board"), consisting of five elected Florida Constitutional Officers, is the governing body for the School District of Hernando County, Florida (the "District"); and,

WHEREAS, the safety of all children is the highest priority of the School Board and the Superintendent; and,

WHEREAS, the voters in Hernando County voted to increase the millage rate with a portion of the funds dedicated to Mental Health and School Safety; and

WHEREAS, the "Marjory Stoneman Douglas Public Safety Act" empowers a School Board to establish a "Coach Aaron Feis Guardian Program" in accordance with the requirements and training standards of *Florida Statutes*.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the School Board hereby adopts the following resolution in support of school safety:

- I. The School Board and Superintendent continue to support the "Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act"; and,
- II. The School Board intends to utilize options available to meet the requirements of the "Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act" for the protection and safety of students, school personnel, property, and visitors; and,
- III. The School District will work directly with the Sheriff's Office for the implementation of a guardian program; and,
- IV. To further enhance safety and support the current School Resource Officer (SRO) program, the School Board intends to employ Safe School Guardians *in addition* to the SROs who currently serve our schools; and,
- V. Pursuant to Florida law, school guardians shall not have the power of arrest nor the authority to act in any law enforcement capacity except to the extent necessary to prevent or abate an active assailant incident on a district school campus; and,
- VI. The School Board makes a commitment to this program for the extent that the additional voted millage referendum provides the adequate level of funding; and,
- VII. The School Board shall post this resolution with the minutes of the October 12, 2021, School Board meeting, and shall deliver a copy of this resolution to the following:
 - a. The Department of Education, Office of Safe Schools
 - b. Sheriff Al Nienhuis, Hernando County

ADOPTED on October 12, 2021, in Hernando County, Florida, by the School Board of Hernando County, Florida.

Linda Prescott, Chairperson

John Stratton, Superintendent