

By Senator Thrasher

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Senate Resolution

A resolution congratulating the St. Johns County School District and its teachers, staff, students, and parents for exemplifying commitment to the highest standards for lifelong learning through education.

WHEREAS, the St. Johns County School District is accredited as a quality school system by the Council on Accreditation and School Improvement of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and

WHEREAS, the St. Johns County School District is comprised of 17 elementary schools, 1 K-8 school, 7 middle schools, 7 high schools, 2 alternative centers, 4 charter schools, including a vocational-technical college, and 3 juvenile justice facilities, and

WHEREAS, the graduation rate of students in the St. Johns County School District is 93.3 percent, higher than the statewide average of 81.2 percent, and

WHEREAS, the St. Johns County School District has a dropout rate of .8 percent, significantly lower than the statewide average of 1.9 percent, and

WHEREAS, in the 8 years that the Florida Department of Education has compiled school district data based on Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) scores, the St. Johns County School District has consistently set an example of excellence and continues to set a high bar for the K-12 public school system, and

WHEREAS, based on FCAT scores, the Department of Education has ranked the St. Johns County School District as the top

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30 district in the state for the last 3 years in FCAT achievement,  
31 awarding it 25 "A"s and 6 "B"s in the 2010-2011 school year,  
32 alone, and

33 WHEREAS, the mission of the St. Johns County School  
34 District is to inspire good character and a passion for lifelong  
35 learning in all students, creating educated and caring  
36 contributors to the world, and

37 WHEREAS, given the outstanding performance of the students,  
38 teachers, staff, and parents of the St. Johns County School  
39 District, it exemplifies its mission with its commitment to  
40 education, NOW, THEREFORE,

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42 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Florida:

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44 That the members of the Senate congratulate the St. Johns  
45 County School District and its teachers, staff, students, and  
46 parents for exemplifying commitment to the highest standards for  
47 lifelong learning through education.