

**(SAMPLE RESOLUTION)**

**Whereas, Florida is one of the leaders in the nation in mandating public school educational accountability measures; and**

**Whereas, the education clause of the Florida Constitution states clearly that the education of children is a fundamental value of the people of Florida; and**

**Whereas, a paramount duty has been placed on all branches of state government to make adequate provision for the education of all children; and**

**Whereas, the Constitution creates a clearly enforceable mandate for the State to provide a uniform education system of high quality; and**

**Whereas, Florida ranks in the lowest quartile, specifically 47<sup>th</sup> in the nation, in per pupil spending; and**

**Whereas, a rallying cry from parents, the business community and other interested citizens could serve to raise awareness of the funding status; and**

**Whereas, the Greater Florida Consortium of School Boards has proposed participating in an education and information campaign; and**

**Whereas, The School Board of \_\_\_\_\_ County, Florida is a member of the Greater Florida Consortium of School Boards; and**

**Whereas, the education and information plan also could assist the Consortium members in addressing other priority issues, including funding for hurricane relief, class size reduction and no further equalization of the Local Discretionary Millage;**

**Now, Therefore Be It Resolved:**

**The School Board of \_\_\_\_\_ County, Florida supports participating in a cohesive education and information campaign focusing on educating legislators, parents and others on the need for the Legislature to appropriate adequate money to raise Florida's per pupil spending from its current 47<sup>th</sup> position among all states to the upper two quartiles.**