

# The School Board of Sarasota County, Florida

## Proclamation in Support of National Mentoring Month January 23, 2018

**Whereas**, mentors across the United States teach, inspire, and guide American students and school district staff as they reach for their dreams and strive to realize their limitless potential; and

**Whereas**, mentors help students and school district staff build confidence, gain knowledge, and develop strength of character; and

**Whereas**, students with mentors have better attendance in school, higher self-esteem, a greater chance of pursuing higher education, and fewer incidents of risky or unhealthy behavior; and

**Whereas**, school district staff with mentors garner skills to advance their schools or departments, experience increased job satisfaction, and have a higher level of confidence in decision making; and

**Whereas**, hundreds of neighbors, teachers, retired administrators, community volunteers and other dedicated individuals in Sarasota County work selflessly through mentoring programs to improve children's odds for success and increase staff effectiveness; and

**Whereas**, our community has several organizations that promote and facilitate mentoring, including the Sarasota County School District Volunteer & Partnership Office, Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast, Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida, Girls Incorporated of Sarasota County, Jewish Family and Children's Service of the Suncoast, Faces of Accomplishment, Take Stock in Children of Sarasota County, and the Sarasota County Schools Retired Administrative Mentorship Program; and

**Whereas**, January has been designated as National Mentoring Month, in which America honors mentors and encourages men and women across the country to become mentors;

**Now, therefore, be it resolved that**, the **School Board of Sarasota County** does hereby proclaim **January 2018** as **Mentoring Month in Sarasota County**, and calls on all citizens, businesses, public and private agencies, religious and educational institutions to celebrate the mentoring movement, become a mentor and inspire a child today!



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**Bridget Ziegler, Chair**  
**School Board of Sarasota County**  
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