

WHEREAS, the School Board of Sarasota County, Florida supports the goals of NCLB of raising student achievement; closing the achievement gap; and ensuring that each child has a highly qualified teacher; and

WHEREAS, the School Board of Sarasota County, Florida continues to welcome the accountability for improving student and school performance; and

WHEREAS, the School Board of Sarasota County, Florida has had four years of operational experience in implementing NCLB, and

WHEREAS, the School Board of Sarasota County, Florida has identified improvements that could be made to NCLB that would eliminate barriers to full implementation of the federal law; and

WHEREAS, the National School Boards Association (NSBA) developed draft legislation based on input from local school boards across the nation that would address the concerns of local School Boards and improve the implementation of NCLB; and

WHEREAS, in April 2006, the NSBA Delegate Assembly re-affirmed its support of federal legislation that is consistent with the NSBA draft legislation, and

WHEREAS, In January 2007, Representative Don Young (R-AK) re-introduced legislation, the No Child Left Behind Improvements Act of 2007, H.R. 648, that is consistent with the NSBA draft legislation; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the School Board of Sarasota County, Florida urges Representative Vern Buchanan to fully support H.R. 648 by becoming a co-sponsor of the bill and be it further

RESOLVED, that the School Board of Sarasota County, Florida seeks the support of local community and civic leaders and appropriate members of the Florida House of Representatives in encouraging Representative Vern Buchanan to become a co-sponsor of H.R. 648, and be it finally

RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to members of the Florida House of Representatives, the U.S. Congressional Delegation, the Governor, the members of the Florida Legislative Delegation, local public governing officials and the Secretary of Education, Margaret Spellings.