

The School Board of Sarasota County, Florida
Proclamation:

Kick Butts Day 2016

March 16, 2016

Whereas, tobacco remains the number one preventable cause of death; it kills 89 Floridians each day- more than AIDS, alcohol, car accidents, murders, suicides, drugs, and fires combined; and

Whereas, more than one third of youth who ever try a cigarette become daily smokers before leaving high school; one out of three youth smokers will ultimately die prematurely from smoking-related diseases, unless current trends are reversed; and Sarasota County continues to have higher rates of tobacco use among youth than the state of Florida as a whole; and

Whereas, Kick Butts Day is an annual national day of activism sponsored by the Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids, that empowers youth to stand out, speak up, and seize control against Big Tobacco.

Now, therefore, we do hereby proclaim March 16th to be Kick Butts Day 2016.

Shirley Brown, Chair
March 1, 2016