

RESOLUTION

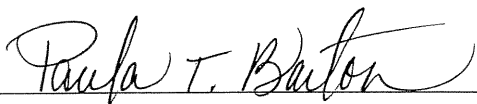
Whereas, the Florida Department of Education has drafted and is now proposing new Sunshine State Standards for Science, the Baker County School Board opposes the implementation of the new standards as currently presented.

Whereas, the new Sunshine State Standards for Science no longer present evolution as theory but as "the fundamental concept underlying all of biology and is supported in multiple forms of scientific evidence," we are requesting that the State Board of Education direct the Florida Department of Education to revise the new Sunshine State Standards for Science so that evolution is not presented as fact.

Whereas, the Baker County School Board recognizes the importance of providing a thorough and comprehensive Science education to all the students in Baker County and to all students in the State of Florida, it recognizes as even more important the need to present these standards through a fair and balanced approach.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Baker County School Board of Baker County, Macclenny, Florida, that the Board urges the State Board of Education to direct the Florida Department of Education to revise the new Sunshine State Standards for Science such that evolution is not presented as fact.

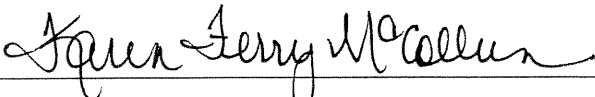
Approved by the Board on the 17th Day of December, 2007.



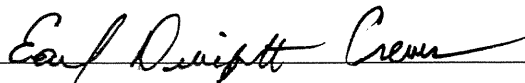
Paula T. Barton, Superintendent



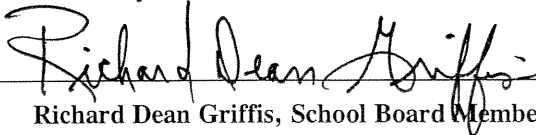
Patricia C. Weeks, School Board Chair



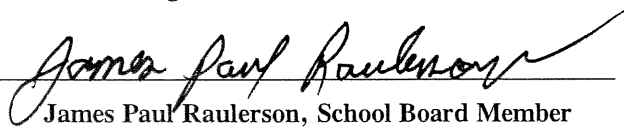
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