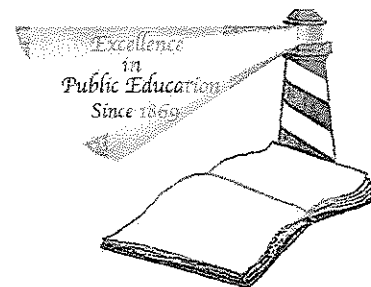


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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the School Board

FROM: Joseph G. Joyner, Ed.D, Superintendent of Schools

DATE: January 15, 2008

SUBJECT: Resolution To Revise The New Sunshine State Standards for Science

The Florida Department of Education has drafted and is now proposing new Sunshine State Standards for Science to present evolution as “the fundamental concept underlying all of biology and is supported in multiple forms of scientific evidence”.

During the workshop on January 8, 2008, the Board expressed interest in a resolution requesting the State Board of Education review the current language in the standards to allow a more flexible approach to the teaching of evolution.

This Resolution urges the State Board of Education to direct the Florida Department of Education to review the new Sunshine State Standards for Science to allow for balanced, objective and intellectually open instruction in regards to evolution, teaching the scientific strengths and weaknesses of the theory rather than teaching evolution as dogmatic fact.

The attached language is presented for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph G. Joyner, Ed.D
Superintendent of Schools

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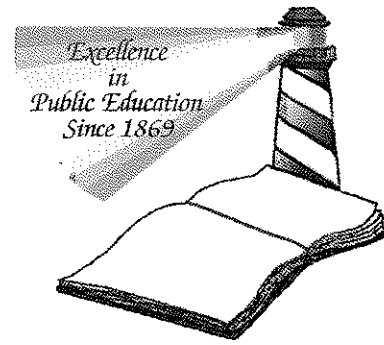
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**SCHOOL BOARD OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA
RESOLUTION NUMBER 2008-01**

Whereas, the Florida Department of Education has drafted and is now proposing new Sunshine State Standards for Science,

And whereas, the new Sunshine State Standards for Science present evolution as “the fundamental concept underlying all of biology and is supported in multiple forms of scientific evidence”,

And whereas, the St. Johns County School Board recognizes the importance of providing a thorough and comprehensive science education to all the students in St. Johns County and to all students in the State of Florida,

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the St. Johns County School Board, St. Augustine, 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 to allow for balanced, objective and intellectually open instruction in regard to evolution, teaching the scientific strengths and weaknesses of the theory rather than teaching evolution as dogmatic fact.

Approved by the St. Johns County School Board on the 15th day of January, 2008.

Joseph G. Joyner, Superintendent

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