



Whereas, Florida classrooms are among the nation's most overcrowded, and

Whereas, Florida schools need 32,000 new teachers, yet Florida's average teacher salary is \$6,200 below the national average, and

Whereas, Florida ranks next to the last in per capita school spending, and

Whereas, Florida's constitution specifies that the funding of public education is a "paramount duty of the state", and

Whereas, we can make Florida schools even better if we demand action together, now, therefore, let it be

Resolved: that we the undersigned call on Florida's next Governor and 2007 Legislature to:

Keep the promise of small class size.

Provide adequate funding for our public schools.

Provide support to public schools in need – not private school vouchers.

Pay teachers and other public school employees a competitive wage.

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