

**Board of Education
Santa Rosa City Schools
Resolution Designating the Week of March 8-12
"2010 CENSUS IN SCHOOLS WEEK"**

WHEREAS, the decennial census takes place every 10 years to count the residents of each state and help identify where to allocate over \$400 billion in federal funds to states; and

WHEREAS, to ensure fair Congressional representation by determining how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives, as well as the redistricting of state legislatures, county boards of supervisors and city councils, and voting districts, and

WHEREAS, an accurate census count is critical to the well-being of every community in determining where services are most needed, and to provide important federal and state funds for school districts; and

WHEREAS, it is vital for all local superintendents, principals, teachers and parent organizations to relay the importance of the census to families and community members to ensure everyone is counted, therefore maximizing political representation and funding appropriations within our school district and county; and

WHEREAS, Santa Rosa City Schools' Board of Education invites schools to dedicate March 8, 2010, through March 12, 2010, as "Census in Schools Week," to help reinforce the importance of participation in the census: and

WHEREAS, Santa Rosa City Schools' Board of Education encourages all schools, especially those that serve 90 percent socio-economically disadvantaged students to coordinate with the census liaison on best practices to implement outreach strategies schools can incorporate to ensure they have the most complete and accurate count of their surrounding residents; and

WHEREAS, Santa Rosa City Schools' Board of Education supports the goals and ideals for the 2010 census and will lend its support to the education community in being responsive to federal and state census liaisons;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVE Santa Rosa City Schools' Board of Education recognizes the long-term effects of an accurate and complete census count for garnering much-needed resources for our state: and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we stand with all school districts and county offices of education to be counted on the official census day of April 1, 2010.



**BILL CARLE, PRESIDENT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**