

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA  
Proclamation in Support of January 2023  
as  
National Mentoring Month



WHEREAS, January is National Mentoring Month, an annual campaign to recruit quality mentors to provide additional networks of support for young people; and

WHEREAS, The School Board of Okaloosa County, Florida recognizes the contributions of volunteer mentors, who guide young people to success in their education, career, and wellbeing; and

WHEREAS, mentoring programs like Take Stock In Children make our state and communities stronger by enabling impactful relationships that increase social capital for young people and provide invaluable support networks; and

WHEREAS, research has demonstrated that mentoring programs have a significant, positive impact on a variety of academic achievement measures, including truancy and absenteeism, scholastic efficacy and engagement, school-related misconduct, and peer support; and

WHEREAS, quality mentoring promotes healthy relationships and communication, positive self-esteem, emotional well-being, and relationship growth for young people; and

WHEREAS, National Mentoring Month is the time of year to celebrate, elevate, and encourage mentoring across our state and recruit caring adult mentors in Okaloosa County, Florida;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the School Board of Okaloosa County, Florida does support and celebrate those who mentor our youth and encourage others to become mentors during January 2023 and throughout the year.

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED IN REGULAR SESSION THE 23<sup>RD</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2023.

ATTEST:

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF  
OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marcus D. Chambers, Superintendent

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Diane Kelley, Chairman