## THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT ROBERT W. RUNCIE

ROBERT W. RUNCIE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

> ACTION REQUIRED

September 12, 2012

TO:

All Principals

FROM:

Robert W. Runcie

Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT:

KIDS VOTING BROWARD

Since 1992, The School Board of Broward County, Florida has been a partner of Kids Voting Broward. This group, affiliated with the national group, Kids Voting USA, is a non-profit, nonpartisan education organization whose mission is to "secure the future of democracy by preparing young people to be educated voters." We are pleased to have this organization as a partner.

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On November 6, 2012, Florida will be participating in the Presidential Election. Broward County Public Schools is working in partnership with Kids Voting, Broward to promote the upcoming election in November. All Broward County public school students will have the opportunity to cast their votes on-line at www.browardschools.com/virtualcounselor. We are requesting that each school coordinate the on-line voting process, which will be held **October 25** through November 6, 2012.

In addition to the on-line voting, it is important to teach the election process. Curriculum and resources to support civic education and the election process can be found on BEEP for grades K-12. This is an opportunity for all educators in Broward to teach the election process and civic responsibility.

All pertinent information on how to coordinate a school-wide vote and request materials will be sent to department chairs in the middle and high schools and the elementary social studies contacts.

Should you require additional information, please contact Dr. Louise Ball or Shellie Gory, Social Studies Curriculum Supervisors, at (754) 321-1873.

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cc: Board Members
Senior Leadership Team
Directors, Office of School Performance & Accountability
Social Studies Chairs and Teachers