

RESOLUTION I

Whereas Duval County Public Schools continue to improve under our current system with an appointed Superintendent posting the highest high school graduation rate this past school year, and

Whereas appointed superintendents tend to have strong backgrounds in education and experience, and

Whereas 90% of school districts with appointed superintendents have a grade of A or B, and

Whereas large urban school districts in Florida with over 100,000 students all currently have an appointed superintendent, and

Whereas the superintendent should be free from pressure of running for office, and

Whereas Florida law currently allows a School board to call for an referendum on the appointment or election of a superintendent and local bill J1 would bypass our local school board giving this power to the State Legislature, be it therefore.

Resolved that the Duval County Council of PTAs does not support a change from an appointed superintendent to an elected superintendent for the Duval County Public School System.