

January 4, 2024

Hernando County Board of County Commissioners  
Elizabeth Narverud, Chair  
20 N Main St, Room 263  
Brooksville, FL 34601

Dear Chair Narverud and Commissioners:

**I am writing to request that the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners recognize the mission of the *Tampa Bay Times* and *Hernando Sun* Newspaper in Education programs with a proclamation celebrating Newspaper in Education Week 2024.**

Newspaper in Education Week, celebrated annually during the first full school week in March, recognizes the accomplishments of NIE programs across the country and around the world.  
**NIE Week 2024 will be celebrated March 4-8, 2024.**

For more than half a century, the Tampa Bay Times NIE program has served Tampa Bay educators, students and families by providing print and digital newspapers, award-winning educational publications, teacher guides, lesson plans, educator workshops and many more resources – all at no cost to schools, teachers or families. In 2022-2023, NIE provided 10,080 print copies and 246,960 digital licenses to Hernando County schools.

As our schools continue to recover from the disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, our teachers, students and families need access to quality learning materials more than ever. **Please join us in supporting our community's schools by recognizing NIE Week 2024.**

Thank you very much for your support.

Sincerely,



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