

February 24, 1999

Education  
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT:** REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 99-11, ENDORSING  
MARCH 15 - 19, 1999, AS SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK WEEK IN ALL MIAMI-  
DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**STRATEGIC PLANNING GOALS:** VI - EFFECTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT  
VIII - PROFESSIONAL STAFF AND PRACTICES

The intent of School Social Work Week is to focus citizens' attention on the social workers' role as an integral part of the Student Services Program and the total educational program at each site in Miami-Dade County Public Schools. The goal of the Student Services Program is to supplement and facilitate the learning process by eliminating social and emotional barriers to learning and providing the important link between the school, home, and community. The ultimate purpose is to ensure that students who graduate have developed the skills to be able to make self-directed, realistic, and responsible decisions; who are successful; and who contribute to society.

During School Social Work Week, school social workers will be involved in a variety of activities at the schools. These activities will provide the opportunity for parents, students, staff members, and the community to learn more about school social work and how it contributes to the education of all students. The theme for School Social Work Week is: *The Business of Social Work: Helping People Help Themselves*".

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 99-11, endorsing March 15-19, 1999, as School Social Work Week in all Miami-Dade County public schools.

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**RESOLUTION NO 99-11  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,  
FLORIDA, ENDORSING MARCH 15-19, 1999  
AS SCHOOL SOCIAL WORK WEEK  
IN ALL MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**WHEREAS**, school social workers supplement and facilitate the learning process by eliminating social and emotional barriers to learning and provide the important link between the school, home, and community; and

**WHEREAS**, School Social Work Week serves to focus citizen attention on the School Social Worker's role as an integral part of the Student Services Program and the total public education program; and

**WHEREAS**, a specially-designated week will provide the opportunity for school social workers to more fully define and present their services to students, faculty, parents, and the community;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 99-11, of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing March 15-19, 1999, as School Social Work Week.

Presented this 17th day of March, A.D. 1999

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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**Chair**

ATTEST:

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Secretary