

Education
Joseph H. Mathos, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 00-27 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ENDORSING NOVEMBER 27 - DECEMBER 1, 2000, AS "HIV/AIDS AWARENESS WEEK" IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The intent of HIV/AIDS Awareness Week is to increase awareness, address the educational needs and concerns of the school and community, and participate in the World AIDS Day observance, December 1, 2000. The major goal is to reduce infection of HIV in the adolescent population. Currently 25 percent of all new infections in the United States occur in people under the age of 22.

During AIDS Awareness Week administrators, teachers, parents, students, and community leaders are encouraged to participate in scheduled activities. The national theme for AIDS Awareness Week will be: "AIDS Make a Difference."

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 00-27 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing November 27 - December 1, 2000, as "HIV/AIDS Awareness Week" in Miami Dade County Public Schools.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 00-27
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
PROCLAIMING NOVEMBER 27 - DECEMBER 1, 2000,
AS HIV/AIDS AWARENESS WEEK
IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has designated December 1 of each year as World AIDS Day, a day to expand and strengthen the worldwide effort to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has estimated 33.4 million people to be living with HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, every minute, five young people around the globe are infected with HIV; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 1 in 250 Americans is currently HIV positive and more than 688,200 individuals have been diagnosed with AIDS in the United States since 1981; and

WHEREAS, more than 410,800 deaths in the United States have been caused by AIDS since 1981; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported 688,200 AIDS cases in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Florida ranks third among states in the nation with reported cases of AIDS; and

WHEREAS, Miami ranks second among cities in the nation with reported cases of children with AIDS; and

WHEREAS, 1 in 4 new HIV infections in America occurs in people under the age of 22;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, proclaim November 27, 2000 - December 1, 2000, as "HIV/AIDS Awareness Week" to increase awareness and understanding of HIV/AIDS as a local challenge, to promote HIV/AIDS prevention activities and programs, and to join the global effort to prevent the further spread of HIV/AIDS.

A copy of this resolution is placed in the permanent record of this Board.

Presented this thirteenth day of September, A.D. 2000
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary