

Ms. Evelyn Langlieb Greer, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 05-11 OF THE
SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
ENDORING APRIL 17 – 23, 2005 AS BULLYING AWARENESS
WEEK.**

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Six years ago, on April 20, 1999, our nation's worst school shooting took place at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado, which shooting killed thirteen students and a teacher, and left 23 other students wounded. The two young attackers, who also died, had been bullied by their classmates.

To safeguard our schools for our students, we must offer our children a school environment that provides promise and security. Whereas many organizations, school districts, educators and parents have publicly expressed concern about the bullying of children, we feel it essential to continue to heighten awareness of this serious issue. We hope to make the public aware of the negative effects of bullying and the long-term damage it can cause in our youth. Our fight against bullying in school must not, of course, be limited to one week a year. However, in remembrance of the Columbine shooting, and as a symbol of our year-round struggle against bullying, we hereby designate the third week of April as Bullying Awareness Week and encourage its observance in Miami-Dade Public Schools.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

EVELYN LANGLIEB GREER: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida approve Resolution No. 05-11 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing April 17-23, 2005 as Bullying Awareness Week to be observed in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

**RESOLUTION NO. 05-11
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROCLAIMING APRIL 17-23, 2005
AS "BULLYING AWARENESS WEEK"
IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Whereas, on March 21, 2005, a high school shooting that murdered eight students, two adults and wounded seven others took place at Red Lake Indian Reservation in Minnesota, second in scope only to the April 20, 1999 shooting of thirteen students, a teacher, and the wounding of 23 other students at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado; and

Whereas, it was determined that all of the shooters had suffered bullying at the hands of some of their classmates; and

Whereas, in order to safeguard our schools for our students, we must offer our children a school environment that provides security; and

Whereas, many organizations, schools districts, educators and parents have publicly expressed concern about the bullying of children; and

Whereas, it is essential to continue to heighten awareness of the very negative effects of student-on-student bullying and the long-term damage it can cause in our youth; and

Whereas, we need not limit our fight against bullying to only one week a year, but, in remembrance of the Columbine and Red Lake shootings and, as a symbol of our year-round struggles against bullying, we hereby proclaim the third week of April as Bullying Awareness Week and encourage its observance in Miami-Dade Public Schools.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida approve Resolution No. 05-11 of the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida designating April 17-23, 2005 as Bullying Awareness Week.

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

Presented this 13th day of April, 2005.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary