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**SUBJECT: RECOGNIZING THE STUDENT WINNERS OF THE YOUTH
 CRIME WATCH OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY POSTER AND ESSAY
 CONTESTS**

COMMITTEE: SCHOOL SUPPORT ACCOUNTABILITY

Created in 1979, the Youth Crime Watch of Miami-Dade County relies on the principle of good citizenship, by which youths take an active role in addressing the problems around them. Students are taught that they are a part of their community. Youths of all backgrounds are brought together to identify and correct problems unique to their schools and communities.

The program empowers youths to take ownership of their own Youth Crime Watch program for their school, neighborhood, public housing site, recreational center or park. They also are provided with the tools, guidance and self-confidence to prevent crime, violence and drug abuse.

Every year the Youth Crime Watch sponsors essay and poster contests open to elementary and middle school students in Miami-Dade County Public Schools. Entries are judged on how well they convey the contest theme. This year's theme was "What crime do you fear the most and what can you do about it?"

The Youth Crime Watch of Miami-Dade County continues to provide generous support to Miami-Dade County Public Schools and its students; as such, it clearly deserves special recognition for its valuable contributions.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. ROBERT B. INGRAM:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognize the student winners of the Youth Crime Watch of Miami-Dade County Poster and Essay contests.