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SUBJECT: REPORT – STUDENT VOTER REGISTRATION FOR 2007-2008

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT

STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE AND EXPAND CURRENT CURRICULUM

Curriculum and Instruction, Social Sciences, has coordinated student voter registration in the District's senior high schools since first initiated during the 1972-1973 school year. This activity directly supports a commitment to citizenship education by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida. Eligible students are registered to vote by Miami-Dade County Public Schools' social studies teachers, primarily through their American Government or Economics classes. Voter registration materials and general support are provided by the Miami-Dade County Elections Department.

The total number of students who registered to vote during the 2007-2008 school year was 12,865. Since the program's inception in the 1972-1973 school year, 274,793 students have been registered to vote by social studies teachers.

In order to register to vote during the 2007-2008 school year, a student must have been:

- at least 17 years of age as of May 15, 2008;
- a citizen of the United States;
- a resident of Miami-Dade County; and
- able to provide the last four digits of his/her Social Security number or his/her Florida Drivers License number.

In addition to the requirements listed above, there are additional factors that may have prevented a student from registering to vote this school year. Those factors include prior registration, religious belief, felony conviction, and/or mental incapacity.

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This year, and in other major election years, two voter registration drives – fall and spring - were held at school sites. This was done to ensure that any students who became age eligible to vote after the 2006-2007 voter registration drive were given the opportunity to register in time to vote in the Florida primary election in November, 2007. Additionally, the Office of Public Information was provided with information to share with local media about the District's efforts to register students to vote in the spring of 2008.

Attached is a compilation of the number of students who have registered to vote since the 1972-1973 school year. Each school's voter registration report is validated by the principal's signature.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, receive the 2007-2008 Student Voter Registration Report.

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STUDENT VOTER REGISTRATION PROGRAM REPORT - 2007-2008

| Senior High Schools | Percent of Eligible Students Registered 2006-2007 | Percent of Eligible Students Registered 2007-2008 | Number of Eligible Students Registered 2007-2008 | Total Number of Students Registered Since 1972 |
|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| American | 100% | 100% | 455 | 7,357 |
| G. Holmes Braddock | 100% | 100% | 541 | 7,445 |
| Coral Gables | 100% | 100% | 190 | 9,584 |
| Coral Reef | 100% | 100% | 495 | 3,647 |
| Design and Architecture | 100% | 100% | 78 | 938 |
| John A. Ferguson | 100% | 100% | 500 | 812 |
| Barbara Goleman | 100% | 100% | 493 | 4,137 |
| Hialeah | 100% | 100% | 326 | 8,052 |
| Hialeah-Miami Lakes | 100% | 100% | 350 | 13,639 |
| Homestead | 100% | 100% | 238 | 8,088 |
| Dr. Michael M. Krop | 100% | 100% | 460 | 3,666 |
| MAST Academy | 100% | 100% | 32 | 1,353 |
| Miami Beach | 100% | 100% | 134 | 6,781 |
| Miami Carol City | 100% | 100% | 375 | 8,755 |
| Miami Central | 100% | 100% | 246 | 9,029 |
| Miami Coral Park | 100% | 100% | 528 | 11,234 |
| Miami Edison | 100% | 100% | 67 | 4,733 |
| Miami Jackson | 100% | 100% | 154 | 6,044 |
| Miami Killian | 100% | 100% | 599 | 16,330 |
| Miami Lakes Education Center | 100% | 100% | 211 | 851 |
| Miami Norland | 100% | 100% | 260 | 8,816 |
| Miami Northwestern | 100% | 100% | 294 | 9,768 |
| Miami Palmetto | 100% | 100% | 683 | 16,459 |
| Miami Senior | 100% | 100% | 317 | 6,813 |
| Miami Southridge | 100% | 100% | 342 | 12,772 |
| Miami Springs | 100% | 100% | 237 | 7,887 |
| Miami Sunset | 100% | 100% | 481 | 13,766 |
| Robert Morgan Education Center | 100% | 100% | 312 | 1,008 |
| New World School of the Arts | 100% | 100% | 67 | 1,921 |
| North Miami | 100% | 100% | 242 | 10,234 |
| North Miami Beach | 100% | 100% | 386 | 11,180 |
| Ronald Reagan/Doral | * | 100% | 23 | 23 |
| South Dade | 100% | 100% | 345 | 8,213 |
| South Miami | 100% | 100% | 306 | 9,032 |
| Southwest Miami | 100% | 100% | 498 | 11,410 |
| William Turner Technical Arts | 100% | 100% | 220 | 3,305 |
| Felix Varela | 100% | 100% | 478 | 3,040 |
| Booker T. Washington | 100% | 100% | 134 | 864 |
| Other** | | | 768 | 5,807 |
| TOTALS | | | 12,865 | 274,793 |

* Grade 12 students were not enrolled in the school.

** Students registered from other educational programs; i.e., alternative education, specialized education centers, charter schools, and/or vocational/adult education centers.