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SUBJECT: REPORT – STUDENT VOTER REGISTRATION FOR 2008-2009

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT

STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE AND EXPAND CURRENT CURRICULUM

The Division of Social Sciences and Life Skills 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 2008-2009 school year was 11,616. Since the program's inception in the 1972-1973 school year, 286,339 students have been registered to vote by social studies teachers.

In order to register to vote during the 2008-2009 school year, a student must have been:

- at least 17 years of age as of May 15, 2009;
- 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 student who became age eligible to vote after the 2007-2008 voter registration drive was given the opportunity to register in time to vote in the November general election.

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 2008-2009 Student Voter Registration Report.

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STUDENT VOTER REGISTRATION PROGRAM REPORT - 2008-2009

Senior High Schools	Percent of Eligible Students Registered 2007-2008	Percent of Eligible Students Registered 2008-2009	Number of Eligible Students Registered 2008-2009	Total Number of Students Registered Since 1972
American	100%	100%	344	7,701
G. Holmes Braddock	100%	100%	513	7,958
Coral Gables	100%	100%	313	9,897
Coral Reef	100%	100%	435	4,082
Design and Architecture	100%	100%	25	963
John A. Ferguson	100%	100%	117	929
Barbara Goleman	100%	100%	388	4,525
Hialeah	100%	100%	268	8,320
Hialeah-Miami Lakes	100%	100%	294	13,933
Homestead	100%	100%	186	8,274
Dr. Michael M. Krop	100%	100%	495	4,161
MAST Academy	100%	100%	98	1,451
Miami Beach	100%	100%	136	6,917
Miami Carol City	100%	100%	268	9,023
Miami Central	100%	100%	213	9,242
Miami Coral Park	100%	100%	493	11,727
Miami Edison	100%	100%	142	4,875
Miami Jackson	100%	100%	126	6,170
Miami Killian	100%	100%	654	16,984
Miami Lakes Education Center	100%	100%	296	1,147
Miami Norland	100%	100%	293	9,109
Miami Northwestern	100%	100%	183	9,951
Miami Palmetto	100%	100%	426	16,885
Miami Senior	100%	100%	508	7,321
Miami Southridge	100%	100%	409	13,178
Miami Springs	100%	100%	254	8,141
Miami Sunset	100%	100%	375	14,141
Robert Morgan Education Center	100%	100%	262	1,270
New World School of the Arts	100%	100%	44	1,965
North Miami	100%	100%	194	10,429
North Miami Beach	100%	100%	227	11,407
Ronald Reagan/Doral	*	100%	145	168
South Dade	100%	100%	310	8,523
South Miami	100%	100%	318	9,350
Southwest Miami	100%	100%	481	11,891
William Turner Technical Arts	100%	100%	317	3,622
Felix Varela	100%	100%	416	3,456
Booker T. Washington	100%	100%	177	1,041
Westland Hialeah Senior	*	*	18	18
Other**			455	6194
TOTALS			11,616	286,339

* 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.