

Office of School Board Members
Board Meeting of May 12, 2010

May 6, 2010

Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 10-047 OF THE
SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING SHANNON MELENDI SAFETY DAY IN MIAMI-DADE
COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
FRAMEWORK:** SCHOOL/DISTRICT LEADERSHIP

Shannon Melendi was a bright, promising 19-year-old with aspirations to be a lawyer. The Miami Southwest Senior High School graduate was a new student at Emory University in Atlanta when she disappeared in 1994.

Shannon's tragic disappearance has inspired her parents, Yvonne and Luis Melendi, and U.S. Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen to promote safety awareness through Shannon Melendi Safety Day in Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS). The program visits high schools to promote safety awareness and alert students to the dangers around them. Shannon Melendi Safety Day has been celebrated in four high schools in Miami-Dade and Monroe counties.

A product of M-DCPS and a former educator, Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen is a strong supporter of education initiatives that enhance the educational experience for students and promotes a safe and healthy learning environment. The Melendi family and Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen are advocates for initiatives and laws that protect the well-being of children and young adults. M-DCPS commends Yvonne and Luis Melendi and Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen for their efforts in promoting safety awareness among children and their families.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. LAWRENCE S. FELDMAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 10-047 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Shannon Melendi Safety Day in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

**Replacement
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(Withdrawn - 05/12/2010)**

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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, Shannon Melendi was a bright, promising 19-year-old with aspirations to be a lawyer; and

WHEREAS, the Miami Southwest Senior High School graduate was a new student at Emory University in Atlanta when she disappeared in 1994; and

WHEREAS, Shannon's tragic disappearance has inspired her parents, Yvonne and Luis Melendi, and U.S. Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen to promote safety awareness through Shannon Melendi Safety Day in Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS); and

WHEREAS, the program visits high schools to promote safety awareness and alert students to the dangers that lurk around them. Shannon Melendi Safety Day has been celebrated in four high schools in Miami-Dade and Monroe counties; and

WHEREAS, a product of M-DCPS and a former educator, Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen is a strong supporter of education initiatives that enhance the educational experience for students and promotes a safe and healthy learning environment; and

WHEREAS, the Melendi family and Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen are advocates for initiatives and laws that protect the well-being of children. M-DCPS commends Yvonne and Luis Melendi and Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen for their efforts in promoting safety awareness among children and their families;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 10-047 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Shannon Melendi Safety Day in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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

Presented this twelfth day of May, A.D. 2010

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary