

Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, Board Member

SUBJECT: ANNUAL ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP SIGNING DAY

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
FRAMEWORK: EDUCATION**

During the last legislative session, the Legislature passed an amendment to Florida Statute Section 1001.43 which encourages school districts to hold an annual "Academic Scholarship Signing Day" similar to athletic scholarship signing days. The purpose is to highlight "the importance of promoting student achievement, motivating students to attain academic achievement, and providing positive acknowledgement for that achievement." The School Board of Miami-Dade County supports and encourages this recognition and appreciates the commitment of outstanding student scholars who strive to realize the benefits of public education.

This item is submitted for consideration by the Board to direct the Superintendent to initiate rulemaking proceedings to establish and declare the third Tuesday in April each year as "Academic Scholarship Signing Day." The event should promote public recognition of high school seniors who sign a letter of intent to accept an academic scholarship offered by a postsecondary institution. Activities may include conducting assemblies or other appropriate public events in which students offered academic scholarships assemble and sign actual or ceremonial documents accepting those scholarships. The events should be conducted to make academic success and recognition visible to all students and the community.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent to initiate rulemaking to declare and celebrate the third Tuesday in April each year as "Academic Scholarship Signing Day."