

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 Chapter 2010-203, 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. } Revised

This item is submitted for consideration by the Board to direct the Superintendent to initiate rulemaking proceedings to declare the third Tuesday in April each year as "Academic Scholarship Signing Day" and to establish procedures for schools to conduct activities in recognition of high school seniors who receive academic scholarships. The activities should promote public recognition of 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 on or after the third Tuesday in April in order to recognize as many recipients as possible and to make academic success and recognition visible to all students and the community. } Revised

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. LAWRENCE S. FELDMAN:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent to initiate rulemaking to (1) declare the third Tuesday in April each year as "Academic Scholarship Signing Day," and (2) establish procedures for schools to conduct activities, on or after the third Tuesday in April, that promote public recognition of high school seniors who receive academic scholarships. } Revised