

Mr. Renier Diaz de la Portilla, Board Member

**SUBJECT:                   ENDORSEMENT OF THE HISPANIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND TOWN HALL MEETING & COLLEGE EXPO "COLLEGE IS POSSIBLE" ON OCTOBER 30, 2010**

**COMMITTEE:               INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:               STUDENT, PARENT, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

The Hispanic Scholarship Fund (HSF) works to provide financial support for Latinos going to college and educates students and families about the resources available for paying for a post-secondary education. HSF provides more college financial aid to the Hispanic community than any other organization in the country, with \$195 million in scholarships granted to date. Its comprehensive Outreach Programs are designed to demystify the admissions and financial-aid processes and provide students and families with the information, support and encouragement they need. Through nationwide programs like "Town Hall Meetings" and "Steps for Success Saturdays," along with publications and online resources, HSF is striving to make college accessible.

Realizing HSF's goal of doubling the rate of Hispanics earning a college degree will significantly reduce public expenditures on social services, health, law enforcement and other social programs. To this end, the Hispanic Scholarship Fund is hosting an event on Saturday, October 30, 2010 to provide students and families with information and resources on the importance of a college education. Presentations will include information on preparing for college admissions, and researching financial aid and scholarship opportunities. During the College Expo, participants will receive information about career and post-secondary education options. The event will be taking place from 8:00 a.m. to Noon at Miami-Dade College – Kendall Campus.

This event is FREE and open to the public.

This item does not appear in the published Agenda. There is good cause to vary from the Agenda as this event was brought to my attention on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010 (after the agenda item submission deadline) and will be taking place prior to the next regularly scheduled School Board Meeting.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**MR. RENIER DIAZ DE LA PORTILLA:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorse and promote the Hispanic Scholarship Fund Town Hall Meeting & College Expo taking place on October 30, 2010.

**GOOD CAUSE**

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