

Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 10-092 OF THE
SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING THE 2010 REGION V COLLEGE TOUR INSTITUTE**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

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

According to the U.S. Department of Education, students should begin planning for college as early as the sixth grade, allowing them the opportunity to enroll in necessary middle and high school courses in preparation for postsecondary education. This past summer, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Region V, in conjunction with community organizations, PTSAs, and private donors, offered a four-week College Tour Institute to 81 Region V students in grades six through eight. Participating schools included Coconut Palm, Frank C. Martin, Leisure City, Mandarin Lakes, and Vineland K-8 centers; Campbell Drive, Centennial, Cutler Ridge, Herbert A. Ammons, Homestead, Mays, Palmetto, Redland, Richmond Heights, South Dade, and Southwood middle schools.

The purpose of the Region V College Tour Institute was to provide students with pertinent information regarding university and college entrance requirements and strategies to assist them in preparing for the application process. Components of the Institute include informational presentations to parents, development of an action plan, courses of study, visits to selected universities, and the completion of an application, essay and financial aid items. Students were able to gain a better understanding of the importance of course selection, academic performance and college entrance examinations, the college application process, and admittance requirements. In addition, students developed a College Readiness Plan to assist with their educational planning.

On August 3, 2010, the students who participated in the Region V College Tour Institute were honored in a closing ceremony at Southwood Middle School. The program raised \$31,000 in scholarships for the students and plans for next summer are underway with the addition of a cohort and follow up with graduates.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. LAWRENCE S. FELDMAN: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 10-092 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the 2010 Region V College Tour Institute.

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-092
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING THE 2010 REGION V COLLEGE TOUR INSTITUTE**

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Department of Education, students should begin planning for college as early as the sixth grade, allowing them the opportunity to enroll in necessary middle and high school courses in preparation for postsecondary education; and

WHEREAS, this past summer, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Region V, in conjunction with community organizations, PTSA's, and private donors, offered a four-week College Tour Institute to 81 Region V students in grades six through eight; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Region V College Tour Institute is to provide students with pertinent information regarding university and college entrance requirements and strategies to assist them in preparing for the application process; and

WHEREAS, students are able to gain a better understanding of the importance of course selection, academic performance and college entrance examinations, the college application process, and admittance requirements. In addition, students develop a College Readiness Plan to assist with their educational planning; and

WHEREAS, on August 3, 2010, the students who participated in the Region V College Tour Institute were honored in a closing ceremony at Southwood Middle School. The program raised \$31,000 in scholarships for the students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 10-092 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the 2010 Region V College Tour Institute.

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

Presented this thirteenth day of October, A.D. 2010

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary