

Office of School Board Members
Board Meeting of November 24, 2010

November 17, 2010

Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 10-102 OF THE
SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING VETERANS DAY**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

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

Armistice Day was created to commemorate the end of World War I and was celebrated on November 11, 1918. Twenty years later, legislation was passed to make November 11 a legal holiday to recognize World War I veterans for their distinguished service. In 1954, the name of Armistice Day was changed to Veterans Day to encompass World War II and Korean War veterans. The signing of this legislation by President Dwight D. Eisenhower extended the holiday to honor veterans of all wars.

Over the years, Veterans Day has been celebrated in June and October until President Gerald Ford restored the observance to November 11. The restoration of the original date preserved the historical significance of the holiday. New legislation passed in 2001 designating the week of November 11-17 of that year as National Veterans Awareness Week to foster educational efforts directed at school children to teach them about the many contributions and sacrifices of veterans.

There are more than 23 million living veterans. Veterans Day is an opportunity to thank and honor living veterans for their service in wartime and peace. Veterans are to be commended for their patriotism and willingness to serve and sacrifice for their country. Military families are also to be commended for the sacrifices made by them to ensure our rights and freedoms, as Americans, are protected.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. LAWRENCE S. FELDMAN: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 10-102 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Veterans Day.

**Replacement
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**RESOLUTION NO. 10-102
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING VETERANS DAY**

WHEREAS, Armistice Day was created to commemorate the end of World War I and was celebrated on November 11, 1918; and

WHEREAS, twenty years later, legislation was passed to make November 11 a legal holiday recognizing World War I veterans. In 1954, the name of Armistice Day was changed to Veterans Day to honor veterans of all wars; and

WHEREAS, over the years, Veterans Day has been celebrated in June and October until President Gerald Ford restored the observance to November 11. The restoration of the original date preserved the historical significance of the holiday; and

WHEREAS, new legislation passed in 2001 designating the week of November 11-17 of that year as National Veterans Awareness Week to foster educational efforts directed at school children to teach them about the many contributions and sacrifices of veterans; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 23 million living veterans. Veterans Day is an opportunity to thank and honor living veterans for their service in wartime and peace; and

WHEREAS, Veterans and their families are to be commended for their patriotism and willingness to serve and sacrifice for their country;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 10-102 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Veterans Day.

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

Presented this twenty-fourth day of November, A.D. 2010

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary