

Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, Vice Chair

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 10-103 OF THE
 SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
 RECOGNIZING TAKE STOCK IN CHILDREN**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
 ENGAGEMENT**

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

Established in 1995, the nonprofit organization Take Stock in Children provides at-risk and low-income students extensive support, motivation and accountability to ensure they graduate from high school and pursue their postsecondary education goals. Take Stock in Children offers volunteer mentor services and college scholarships starting in middle school.

Over the past 15 years, Take Stock in Children has served more than 16,000 students in 67 counties throughout Florida. The organization has more than \$109 million in Florida Prepaid Foundation scholarship assets and approximately 65 percent of the participants are minorities. It has generated more than one million mentor volunteer hours and has roughly 7,500 mentors. Take Stock in Children is supported by the private and public sectors.

Take Stock in Children collaborates with community leaders and business partners, as well as staff and key stakeholders to provide equal educational opportunities to all children despite their socio-economic status. The organization promotes the principles of self-responsibility, academic success and personal growth through student advocacy, long-term support, scholarships, mentors and a guaranteed educational opportunity. Take Stock in Children is to be commended for its commitment to developing confidence, pride, competence, hope and a sense of belonging among children.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY VICE-CHAIR
DR. LAWRENCE S. FELDMAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 10-103 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Take Stock in Children.

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-103
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING TAKE STOCK IN CHILDREN**

WHEREAS, established in 1995, the nonprofit organization Take Stock in Children provides at-risk and low-income students extensive support, motivation and accountability to ensure they graduate from high school and pursue their postsecondary education goals; and

WHEREAS, over the past 15 years, Take Stock in Children has served more than 16,000 students in 67 counties throughout Florida; and

WHEREAS, the organization has more than \$109 million in Florida Prepaid Foundation scholarship assets and approximately 65 percent of the participants are minorities; and

WHEREAS, Take Stock in Children collaborates with community leaders and business partners, as well as staff and key stakeholders to provide equal educational opportunities to all children despite their socio-economic status; and

WHEREAS, the organization promotes the principles of self-responsibility, academic success and personal growth through student advocacy, long-term support, scholarships, mentors and a guaranteed educational opportunity; and

WHEREAS, Take Stock in Children is to be commended for its commitment to developing confidence, pride, competence, hope and a sense of belonging among children;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 10-103 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Take Stock in Children.

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

Presented this fifteenth day of December, A.D. 2010

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary