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District/School Operations

**SUBJECT:           REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 11-099 OF  
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 10-14, 2011, AS  
NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK**

**COMMITTEE:       INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

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

The Department of Food and Nutrition, and the Dade County School Food Service Association request that the Board adopt Resolution No. 11-099 proclaiming the week of October 10-14, 2011 as National School Lunch Week. National School Lunch Week is a special week made possible by the School Nutrition Association, when attention is focused on the benefits of school meals.

The primary goal of the Child Nutrition Program is to improve the health and nutritional status of students. This year's theme, "**Let's Grow Healthy!**" will help students understand where food comes from while highlighting the overall benefit that school lunch helps students grow strong and healthy. The National School Lunch Week theme provides the opportunity to try something new and promote locally sourced foods.

Studies have shown that students who consume nutritious meals have the greatest success in school. Healthy eating correlates with higher academic achievement and less absenteeism. Food Service Managers have been provided materials to involve principals, teachers, students, parents, and the community in planned nutrition-related activities during this special week.

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, adopt Resolution No. 11-099 proclaiming the week of October 10-14, 2011, as National School Lunch Week.

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AS NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK**

**WHEREAS**, for over 60 years, the National School Lunch Program has contributed to the health and educational development of Florida's children; and

**WHEREAS**, the National School Lunch Program promotes the consumption of high quality, nutritious, agricultural products from Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, recent studies indicate that students who eat lunch have improved mathematic grades and reading scores, increased attention, reduced absence and tardy rates and improved psycho-social behaviors; and

**WHEREAS**, a school lunch is often the only meal available to many children and, therefore, represents a vital part of the initiative to improve the education skills of young children and prepare them for life; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida School Nutrition Association and the National School Nutrition Association collaborate with other organizations dedicated to the educational success of America's children by creating public awareness of the impact of hunger on a child's ability to learn.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution 11-099 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, proclaiming October 10-14, 2011 as National School Lunch Week, and encourages all school principals, teachers, and students to participate in the planned activities of this week.

Presented this 7<sup>th</sup> day of September, A.D. 2011.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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Chair

ATTEST:

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Secretary