

Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 11-103 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE CLOSE UP FOUNDATION FOR ITS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE STUDENTS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

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

Close Up Foundation is a nonprofit organization founded in 1971 to educate and inspire youth of all walks of life from every state, territory and various foreign countries to become informed and engaged citizens by offering a "close up" perspective of our democratic government. The organization provides hands-on civic educational programs for students and teachers within the living classroom of Washington, D.C.

Close Up Foundation offers programs for middle and high school students as well as specific communities of Native Americans, New Americans, and Pacific Islanders. This year, Miami-Dade County Public Schools' migrant students participated in the program for New Americans, which studies basic themes in American democracy and exposes students to fundamental principles of government in the United States.

Close Up Foundation works closely with teachers, administrators, parents, students and established partners such as the Department of Education, the Department of the Interior, the Freedom Forum, C-SPAN, the Center of Congress, Bank of America, and its primary supporter, the U.S. Congress. Congress has allocated funds to support the Close Up Fellowship Program, which enables more than 1,500 underprivileged youth and their teachers to attend Close Up's celebrated programs. Participants receive a Certificate of Achievement signed by Congressional leaders of the House of Representatives and Senate.

Since its inception, the foundation has graduated more than 700,000 students and educators. Miami-Dade County Public Schools acknowledges the Close Up Foundation for its commitment to educate and to inspire the students of Miami-Dade County.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
DR. LAWRENCE S. FELDMAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-103 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Close Up Foundation for its contributions to the students of Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-103**  
**OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,**  
**RECOGNIZING THE CLOSE UP FOUNDATION FOR ITS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE**  
**STUDENTS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**WHEREAS**, the Close Up Foundation is a nonprofit organization founded in 1971 to educate and inspire youth of all walks of life from every state, territory and various foreign countries to become informed and engaged citizens by offering a "close up" perspective of our democratic government; and

**WHEREAS**, the organization provides hands-on civic educational programs for students and teachers within the living classroom of Washington, D.C.; and

**WHEREAS**, Close Up Foundation offers programs for middle and high school students as well as specific communities of Native Americans, New Americans, and Pacific Islanders; and

**WHEREAS**, this year, Miami-Dade County Public Schools' migrant students participated in the program for New Americans, which studies basic themes in American democracy and exposes students to fundamental principles of government in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Congress has allocated funds to support the Close Up Fellowship Program, which enables more than 1,500 underprivileged youth and their teachers to attend Close Up's celebrated programs; and

**WHEREAS**, since its inception, the foundation has graduated more than 700,000 students and educators; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County Public Schools acknowledges the Close Up Foundation for its commitment to educate and to inspire the students of Miami-Dade County.

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approves Resolution No. 11-103 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Close Up Foundation for its contributions to the students of Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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

**Presented this seventh 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