Ms. Raquel Regalado, Board Member

SUBJECT:

SCHOOL BOARD ENDORSEMENT OF THE CHILDREN'S TRUST

ALL-ABOARD EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

COMMITTEE:

INSTRUCTIONAL

EXCELLENCE

AND

COMMUNITY

ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO STRATEGIC

FRAMEWORK:

STUDENT, PARENT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Deleted

Serving about 5,000 kids a year, the *All-Aboard Educational Services* consists of seven programs designed to help children achieve optimal academic success, while engaging in activities they enjoy.

One of those programs is the *All-Aboard Family Literacy Program*, which was awarded the 2008 Excellence Award for Early Childhood Programming from The Children's Trust and focuses on improving a child's school readiness and success while simultaneously supporting the literacy development of their parents.

Created in 2004, this program considers the family as the most influential on a child's education and works together with parents of children ages 0 to 5, the community and dedicated partners to improve the chances for success for both parents and children. Several parents in the program have found jobs within the community and others have obtained PTA leadership positions in their children's schools.

Another increasingly popular project of the *All-Aboard Educational Services* is the *All-Aboard BLOCKfest*. Funded by the Motorola Solutions Foundation, this program is one of the few STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) educational projects in the United States created specifically for children 8 months to 8 years old.

Recognizing how important it is for children's academic success to have their caregivers involved in their education and engage in educational activities they enjoy, this board item requests that the Board endorse The Children's Trust *All-Aboard Educational Services*.

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ACTION PROPOSED BY MS. RAQUEL A. REGALADO:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorse The Children's Trust All-Aboard Educational Services.

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