

Ms. Raquel Regalado, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 11-114 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE SOUTH FLORIDA HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR OFFERING SCHOLARSHIPS TO FINANCIALLY DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS AND HOSTING THE HISPANIC BUSINESS EXPO/FESTIVAL

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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

The South Florida Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (SFLHCC) was founded in 1994 with the mission to promote the continued growth and development of the Hispanic business community and to serve as a resource center and forum to advocate for Hispanic and minority-owned businesses. The organization is comprised of dedicated professionals and businesses coming together to advance the commercial, financial, educational, and civic interests of the ever-expanding Hispanic community of South Florida.

Established in 1995, the South Florida Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Foundation is a non-profit organization that promotes and enhances the quality of education for Hispanic students. It also creates and empowers leaders among minority youth. Over the past 16 years, the foundation has established itself as a leader in the area of scholarships to financially disadvantaged youth. Every year, the SFLHCC grants \$45,000 in scholarships to students in Miami-Dade and Broward counties. Miami-Dade County is one of the top five counties with the highest population of Hispanics in the United States. SFLHCC awards from \$1,000 to \$5,000 are granted annually to graduating high school seniors, community college students seeking to transfer to four-year universities, continuing university students seeking to complete their degrees, and students in graduate and professional programs. Furthermore, the SFLHCC hosts fairs and events such as the Hispanic Business Expo/Festival to collect funds for local businesses.

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Miami-Dade County Public Schools acknowledges the South Florida Hispanic Chamber of Commerce for its commitment and vast contributions to the Hispanic youth of Miami-Dade County, and its positive impact on the lives of Miami-Dade County Public Schools students and their families.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. RAQUEL REGALADO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-114 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing The South Florida Hispanic Chamber of Commerce for offering scholarships to financially disadvantaged students and hosting the Hispanic Business Expo/Festival.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 11-114
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING THE SOUTH FLORIDA HISPANIC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR
OFFERING SCHOLARSHIPS TO FINANCIALLY DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS AND
HOSTING THE HISPANIC BUSINESS EXPO/FESTIVAL**

WHEREAS, the South Florida Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (SFLHCC) was founded in 1994 with the mission to promote the continued growth and development of the Hispanic business community and to serve as a resource center and forum to advocate for Hispanic and minority-owned businesses; and

WHEREAS, established in 1995, the South Florida Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Foundation is a non-profit organization that promotes and enhances the quality of education for Hispanic students. It also creates and empowers leaders among minority youth; and

WHEREAS, every year, \$45,000 in scholarships are granted to students in Miami-Dade and Broward counties. Miami-Dade County is one of the top five counties with the highest population of Hispanics in the United States; and

WHEREAS, scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000 are awarded annually to graduating high school seniors, community college students seeking to transfer to four-year universities, continuing university students seeking to complete their degrees, and students in graduate and professional programs; and

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WHEREAS, the SFLHCC hosts fairs and events such as the Hispanic Business Expo/Festival to collect funds for local businesses; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools acknowledges the South Florida Hispanic Chamber of Commerce for its commitment and vast contributions to the Hispanic youth of Miami-Dade County, and its positive impact on the lives of Miami-Dade County Public Schools students and their families;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-114 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the South Florida Hispanic Chamber of Commerce for offering scholarships to financially disadvantaged students and hosting the Hispanic Business Expo/Festival.

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

Presented this nineteenth day of October A.D. 2011

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary