

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Board Member

**SUBJECT: SCHOOL BOARD ENDORSEMENT OF "NO MORE BROKEN HEARTS"
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WORKSHOP PRESENTED BY SCHOOL BOARD
MEMBER DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS-MINDINGALL**

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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

An act of domestic violence occurs every 12 seconds in the United States. Domestic violence has no regard for socio-economic status, race, ethnicity, religion, employment status, physical ability, age, education, marital status, or sexual orientation. Children who merely witness domestic violence suffer severe negative consequences. Domestic violence remains a devastating public health concern that demands significant consideration.

The No More Broken Hearts Domestic Violence Workshop presented by School Board Member Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall was started during the Board Member's service in the Florida House of Representatives as a way to raise awareness for domestic violence. Teachers, principals, and administrators in public schools see the negative effects of domestic violence on the development of children and there is a need for positive change.

This 2011 workshop took place on Saturday, September 24, 2011, at the Joseph Caleb Center, and was attended by a broad cross-section of the community. Many attendees are requesting quarterly follow-ups to keep this issue on the forefront in our community so that we can stem its negative repercussions. The keynote speaker for the opening session was Miami Herald journalist Bea Hines, and the workshop included breakout sessions covering various domestic violence topics. The workshop appropriately concluded with a poignant presentation by Lt. Joe Shillaci, of the City of Miami Police and A&E's 'First 48'.

The event received strong support from organizations that work with domestic violence issues: M-DCPS, M-DCPS Police, Miami-Dade County Domestic Violence Oversight Board, the State Attorney's Office, Coordinated Victims Assistance Program, Heaven on Earth Foundation, the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Sisterhood of Survivors, Over Fifty, Fierce, and Fabulous, Miami-Dade College Public Safety, Judge Orlando Prescott, and several other organizations. It was also made possible through assistance from: Pollo Tropical, Starbucks, UTD, Ron L. Book, MCM Corporation, Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson, Valsan Enterprises, Blue Bell Ice Cream, Koze Fanm, Petit Cakes, Becker & Poliakoff, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Tax Doctors, Positive Impact Foundation, and countless volunteers.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS-MINDINGALL:**

That the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorse the No More Broken Hearts Domestic Violence Workshop presented by School Board Member Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall.

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