

Office of School Board Members
Board Meeting of November 22, 2011

November 16, 2011

Ms. Raquel Regalado, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 11-130
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING CAMACOL FOR CONDUCTING
PROGRAMS THAT FOSTER THE GROWTH OF SMALL AND
MINORITY BUSINESS SECTORS**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

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

Founded in 1965 by a group of Cuban immigrants, the Latin Chamber of Commerce of the United States (CAMACOL) continues to promote the entrepreneurial spirit of Florida's Hispanic and minority communities. To carry out this mission, the organization has been committed to creating programs that strengthen local business activity, foster economic development, ease international commerce, and serve the civic needs of the community and state.

For more than 32 years, CAMACOL has helped businesses establish commercial linkages in the domestic and international marketplace through its flagship program, the Hemispheric Congress of Latin Chambers of Commerce and Industry. Aiming to promote private enterprise and strengthen the democratization process, the Congress has enabled linkages that have led to the creation of jobs and revenue for our state. Having had former U.S. presidents and Florida governors, senior cabinet members, the prime minister of Spain and governmental leaders of Latin America as its speakers, the Congress works jointly with another of CAMACOL'S programs, Florida Trade. Established in 1987, Florida Trade sponsors a wide variety of business development activities and initiatives that serve to strengthen relationships between Florida's export community and counterparts in the international trade arena throughout the Latin American and Caribbean Basin region, the European Union, Africa and the Eastern world.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends the Latin Chamber of Commerce of the United States for nearly four decades of linking businesses throughout the world, and working with community leaders and partners at the local, national and international levels toward the recovery and growth of our economy.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-130 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing CAMACOL for conducting programs that foster the growth of small and minority business sectors.

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-130
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING CAMACOL FOR CONDUCTING PROGRAMS THAT FOSTER
THE GROWTH OF SMALL AND MINORITY BUSINESS SECTORS**

WHEREAS, founded in 1965 by a group Cuban immigrants, the Latin Chamber of Commerce of the United States (CAMACOL) continues to promote the entrepreneurial spirit of Florida's Hispanic and minority communities; and

WHEREAS, CAMACOL is committed to creating programs that strengthen local business activity, foster economic development, ease international commerce, and serve the civic needs of the community and state; and

WHEREAS, for more than three decades CAMACOL has helped businesses establish commercial linkages in the domestic and international marketplace through its flagship program, the Hemispheric Congress of Latin Chambers of Commerce and Industry; and

WHEREAS, aiming to promote private enterprise and strengthen the democratization process, the Congress enables linkages that have led to the creation of jobs and revenue for Florida; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends the Latin Chamber of Commerce of the United States for more than 30 years of linking businesses throughout the world, and working with community leaders and partners at the local, national and international levels toward the recovery and growth of our economy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-130 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing CAMACOL for conducting programs that foster the growth of small and minority business sectors.

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

Presented this twenty-second day of November, A.D. 2011

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary