

Ms. Raquel Regalado, Board Member

**SUBJECT:                   REQUEST THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 12-008 OF THE  
SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND  
FAMILIES FOR OFFERING THE DCF AND Y-O-U PROGRAM**

**COMMITTEE:               INSTRUCTIONAL       EXCELLENCE       AND       COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT**

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

The Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) works hard to protect children, the elderly, and the disabled from abuse and neglect. The organization's mission is to protect the vulnerable, promote strong and economically self-sufficient families, and advance personal and family recovery and resiliency.

DCF Southern Region (Miami-Dade and Monroe) is responsible for nearly 3,000 children in foster care and for finding permanent homes for those children who cannot be reunited with their families. DCF also offers services that assist families on a day-to-day basis, is responsible for public assistance eligibility determination and ongoing case management of Food Assistance (Food Stamps), Temporary Cash Assistance and Medicaid. DCF also provides access to substance abuse and mental health treatment and works with community partners who provide services to families threatened by homelessness and domestic violence.

The Florida Department of Children and Families Southern Region recently launched a program titled, *DCF and Y-O-U* which provides the community the opportunity to learn about the various programs and services offered by DCF and its partners in Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties. These include child abuse investigations, children's legal services, foster care and adoptions, child-care licensing, adult protective investigations and services, food stamp/medical/cash assistance, substance abuse and mental health services, and refugee services. Through the DCF and Y-O-U program, community members can request presentations about the areas within the organization that are of interest to them. They will receive answers to their questions about DCF services.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends the Florida Department of Children and Families Southern Region for its support of the students, parents, and families of Miami-Dade County.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-008 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Florida Department of Children and Families for offering the DCF and Y-O-U Program.

**RESOLUTION NO. 12-008**  
**OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,**  
**RECOGNIZING THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FOR**  
**OFFERING THE DCF AND Y-O-U PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Department of Children and Families (DCF) works hard to protect children, the elderly, and the disabled from abuse and neglect; and

**WHEREAS**, the mission of the Florida Department of Children and Families is to protect the vulnerable, promote strong and economically self-sufficient families, and advance personal and family recovery and resiliency; and

**WHEREAS**, DCF also offers services that assist families on a day-to-day basis, is responsible for public assistance eligibility determination and ongoing case management of Food Assistance (Food Stamps), Temporary Cash Assistance and Medicaid. DCF also provides access to substance abuse and mental health treatment and works with community partners who provide services to families threatened by homelessness and domestic violence; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Department of Children and Families Southern Region recently launched a program titled, *DCF and Y-O-U* which provides the community the opportunity to learn about the various programs and services offered by DCF and its partners in Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends the Florida Department of Children and Families Southern Region for its support of the students, parents, and families of Miami-Dade County;

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-008 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Florida Department of Children and Families for offering the DCF and Y-O-U Program.

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

**Presented this eighteenth day of January, A.D. 2012**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary