

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 12-098 OF THE
SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING THE STUDENT WINNERS OF THE SIFMA
FOUNDATION'S STOCK MARKET GAME**

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

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

The SIFMA Foundation's Stock Market Game is a curriculum-based educational program where student teams in grades 4-12 learn about the global marketplace and long-term saving and investing fundamentals by using a hypothetical brokerage account. The program serves 25,000 teachers and 600,000 students each year and has served more than 14 million students since its inception in 1977.

Working in teams, students participating in The Stock Market Game begin with a virtual cash account of \$100,000 and compete to build the top-performing portfolio using a live trading simulation. Teachers receive grade-level specific curriculum guides, lesson plans and newsletters to incorporate the program into their mathematics, social studies, business, economics and language arts programs. The Stock Market Game also teaches and reinforces essential skills and concepts including critical thinking, decision-making, cooperation and communication, independent research, and saving and investing.

Teachers who have taken part in the program have discovered that the program boosts attendance and reduces dropout rates. Students who participate in the program gain confidence, build self-esteem and learn more effectively.

The SIFMA Foundation recently held its 2012 Florida Awards Ceremony. Student teams from two Miami-Dade public schools were named winners for the Spring 2012 – 10 Week Session. Team members Sofia Diaz, Nimrod Espinoza, and Divany Gil from Miami Lakes K-8 Center were named first-place winners in the Elementary School division. Team members Karol Diaz, Stephanie Castro, Tania Barberena, and Monica Moniz-DaSilva from South Miami Senior High School were named first-place winners in the High School division – South. Team members Sarahi Hassan, Melissa Gonzalez, Ashley Diaz, Brandon Gomez, Mario Alvarado, and Daniela Garcia, also from South Miami Senior, were named second-place winners in the High School division - South. In addition, South Miami Senior student Anigladys Mesa was named the Spring 2012 State Winner of investWrite, a national writing competition produced by The Stock Market Game program.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY CHAIR
PERLA TABARES HANTMAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-098 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the student winners of the SIFMA Foundation's Stock Market Game.

**RESOLUTION NO. 12-098
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING THE STUDENT WINNERS OF THE SIFMA FOUNDATION'S STOCK
MARKET GAME**

WHEREAS, the SIFMA Foundation's Stock Market Game is a curriculum-based educational program where student teams in grades 4-12 learn about the global marketplace and long-term saving and investing fundamentals by using a hypothetical brokerage account; and

WHEREAS, working in teams, students participating in The Stock Market Game begin with a virtual cash account of \$100,000 and compete to build the top-performing portfolio using a live trading simulation; and

WHEREAS, the SIFMA Foundation recently held its 2012 Florida Awards Ceremony. Student teams from two Miami-Dade public schools were named winners for the Spring 2012 – 10 Week Session; and

WHEREAS, team members Sofia Diaz, Nimrod Espinoza, and Divany Gil from Miami Lakes K-8 Center were named first-place winners in the Elementary School division; and

WHEREAS, team members Karol Diaz, Stephanie Castro, Tania Barberena, and Monica Moniz-DaSilva from South Miami Senior High School were named first-place winners in the High School division – South. Team members Sarahi Hassan, Melissa Gonzalez, Ashley Diaz, Brandon Gomez, Mario Alvarado, and Daniela Garcia, also from South Miami Senior, were named second-place winners in the High School division - South; and

WHEREAS, South Miami Senior student Anigladys Mesa was named the Spring 2012 State Winner of investWrite, a national writing competition produced by The Stock Market Game program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-098 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the student winners of the SIFMA Foundation's Stock Market Game.

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

Presented this thirteenth day of June, A.D. 2012

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary