

Ms. Raquel Regalado, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 12-105 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING UM-NSU CARD FOR CREATING THE MOBILE AUTISM FAMILY CLINIC AND HOSTING THE "IF I ONLY HAD THE MONEY" COMPETITION } Added

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: STUDENT, PARENT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The University of Miami-Nova Southeastern University Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (UM-NSU CARD) is a comprehensive outreach and support program serving people with autism and related disabilities, their families, and the professionals who work with them. UM-NSU CARD's mission is to provide support and assistance with the goal of optimizing the potential of people with autism, dual sensory impairment, and related disabilities. Services provided free of charge by UM-NSU CARD include individual and family support services, program consultation and technical assistance, parent and professional training, and public awareness and community outreach.

UM-NSU CARD has created several programs that are supported through independent fundraising efforts and have had an impact on the South Florida community. UM-NSU CARD's first-of-its-kind Mobile Autism Family Clinic was unveiled in 2008. The 23-foot-long mobile clinic travels throughout underserved communities in South Florida and provides screenings, resources, and information about autism to families. The mobile clinic is also used for autism awareness activities at community health and resource fairs and registration sessions at schools and community centers.

UM-NSU CARD also gives back to the educational community through its *If I Only Had the Money Contest*. The contest was launched in 2007 to recognize and support innovation and creativity in the education of students with Autism Spectrum Disorders and related disabilities. Financial support is awarded to teachers to implement ideas that meet the needs of learners in the areas of inclusion, evidence-based practices, or technology.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

MS. RAQUEL REGALADO: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-105 recognizing UM-NSU CARD for creating the Mobile Autism Family Clinic and hosting the "If I Only Had the Money" Competition.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 12-105
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING UM-NSU CARD FOR CREATING THE MOBILE AUTISM FAMILY CLINIC
AND HOSTING THE "IF I ONLY HAD THE MONEY" COMPETITION**

WHEREAS, the University of Miami-Nova Southeastern University Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (UM-NSU CARD) is a comprehensive outreach and support program serving people with autism and related disabilities, their families, and the professionals who work with them; and

WHEREAS, UM-NSU CARD's mission is to provide support and assistance with the goal of optimizing the potential of people with autism, dual sensory impairment, and related disabilities; and

WHEREAS, UM-NSU CARD has created several programs that are supported through independent fundraising efforts and have had an impact on the South Florida community; and

WHEREAS, UM-NSU CARD's first-of-its-kind Mobile Autism Family Clinic travels throughout underserved communities in South Florida and provides screenings, resources, and information about autism to families. The mobile clinic is also used for autism awareness activities at community health and resource fairs and registration sessions at schools and community centers; and

WHEREAS, the *If I Only Had the Money Contest* recognizes and supports innovation and creativity in the education of students with Autism Spectrum Disorders and related disabilities. Financial support is awarded to teachers to implement ideas that meet the needs of learners in the areas of inclusion, evidence-based practices, or technology;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-105 recognizing UM-NSU CARD for creating the Mobile Autism Family Clinic and hosting the "If I Only Had the Money" Competition.

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