

Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 13-007 OF THE
SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
RECOGNIZING TEEN MIAMI**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

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

In the summer of 2010, HistoryMiami, the premier cultural institution committed to gathering, organizing, preserving and celebrating Miami's history as the unique crossroads of the Americas, launched *Teen Miami*. *Teen Miami* is a three-year research and collections initiative that highlights the history of teen life and culture in Miami-Dade County. The project brings together teens from diverse backgrounds and various high schools to work at the museum to document teen life and develop the content of the *Teen Miami* exhibit. The *Teen Miami* exhibit at HistoryMiami opened September 22, 2012.

Teen Miami addresses the need for teen voices and experiences in museums, instead of relying on adult experiences to interpret history. Through *Teen Miami*, the teen perspective is key to the exhibition. *Teen Miami* promises to unite students, parents and community members through their shared experience as teenagers.

Teen Miami is divided into three one-year phases. Year one allowed the teens to research local and national teen history. Teens were afforded the opportunity to intern in different museum departments and gain real world experience and access to career opportunities. In year two, the teens trained in audio-visual and digital documentation methods that allowed them to record the oral history of various generations that grew up in Miami. The teen team is currently in year three, which engages them in fundraising, and program development and management, as well as the marketing and public relations of the exhibit.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends *Teen Miami* for its commitment and dedication to preserving history and culture and for giving teenagers a platform to share their unique experiences.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. LAWRENCE S. FELDMAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 13-007 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Teen Miami.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 13-007
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING TEEN MIAMI**

WHEREAS, in the summer of 2010, HistoryMiami, the premier cultural institution committed to gathering, organizing, preserving and celebrating Miami's history as the unique crossroads of the Americas, launched *Teen Miami*; and

WHEREAS, *Teen Miami* is a three-year research and collections initiative that highlights the history of teen life and culture in Miami-Dade County. The project brings together teens from diverse backgrounds and various high schools to work at the museum to document teen life and develop the content of the *Teen Miami* exhibit; and

WHEREAS, the *Teen Miami* exhibit at HistoryMiami opened September 22, 2012; and

WHEREAS, *Teen Miami* addresses the need for teen voices and experiences in museums, instead of relying on adult experiences to interpret history; and

WHEREAS, *Teen Miami* promises to unite students, parents and community members through their shared experience as teenagers; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends *Teen Miami* for its commitment and dedication to preserving history and culture and for giving teenagers a platform to share their unique experiences;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 13-007 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Teen Miami.

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

Presented this sixteenth day of January, A.D. 2013

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary