

Ms. Raquel Regalado, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 13-046 OF
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING THE LISTEN UP! PROGRAM**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

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

The Listen Up! Program was created in December 2010 by high school student Jacob Stern to educate his peers about the topic, "Teen Mistakes that May Place You in Adult Criminal Court." The 45-minute presentation discusses underage drinking, cyberbullying, sexting, marijuana possession, DUI, open house parties, synthetic cannabis, fake I.D.s and driving-related offenses. Jacob's mother, Beth Bloom, utilizes her 18 years as a circuit court judge to give the judicial perspective on these topics.

The program is delivered through a video and PowerPoint presentation. Jacob and Judge Bloom regularly visit local high schools to share the message. Past school visits include, Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Senior High, MAST Academy, Hialeah High, Young Women's Preparatory Academy and Alonzo and Tracy Mourning Senior High. Listen Up! has also been presented at the African Heritage Cultural Arts Center and recently created a webinar in partnership with Informed Families, which aired across the state. The program's next school visit is April 2nd at Miami Beach Senior High with U.S. Congresswomen Debbie Wasserman-Schultz and County Commissioner Sally Heyman.

The Listen Up! Program is to be commended for educating high school students about common teenage mistakes that can put them in adult criminal court. The program has a positive impact on the lives of students and families in Miami-Dade County.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

MS. RAQUEL REGALADO: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 13-046 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing The Listen Up! Program.

**Replacement
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**RESOLUTION NO. 13-046
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING THE LISTEN UP! PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Listen Up! Program was created in December 2010 by high school student Jacob Stern to educate his peers about the topic, "Teen Mistakes that May Place You in Adult Criminal Court"; and

WHEREAS, the 45-minute presentation discusses underage drinking, cyberbullying, sexting, marijuana possession, DUI, open house parties, synthetic cannabis, fake I.D.s and driving-related offenses. Jacob's mother, Beth Bloom, utilizes her 18 years as a circuit court judge to give the judicial perspective on these topics; and

WHEREAS, the program is delivered through a video and PowerPoint presentation. Jacob and Judge Bloom regularly visit local high schools to share the message; and

WHEREAS, past school visits include, Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Senior High, MAST Academy, Hialeah High, Young Women's Preparatory Academy and Alonzo and Tracy Mourning Senior High; and

WHEREAS, Listen Up! has also been presented at the African Heritage Cultural Arts Center and recently created a webinar in partnership with Informed Families, which aired across the state; and

WHEREAS, the Listen Up! Program is to be commended for educating high school students about common teenage mistakes that can put them in adult criminal court. The program has a positive impact on the lives of students and families in Miami-Dade County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 13-046 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing The Listen Up! Program.

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

Presented this thirteenth day of March A.D. 2013

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary