

Ms. Raquel Regalado, Board Member

**SUBJECT: CONDUCT MEETING WITH CREATORS OF THE LISTEN UP!
PROGRAM TO INCLUDE THE PRESENTATION IN
CURRICULUM**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

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

The Listen UP! Program was created two years ago to educate high school students about typical teenage mistakes that may lead to placement in adult criminal court. The program consists of a 45-minute PowerPoint presentation that addresses topics such as cyberbullying, sexting, possession of tobacco or marijuana, synthetic cannabis, open house parties, underage drinking, DUI, driving-related offenses and fake IDs. Each presentation is usually followed by a question and answer session.

The program was developed by 11th grader Jacob Stern and his mother, Beth Bloom, a Circuit Court Judge who has served in the criminal division for 18 years. The presentations are unique because Jacob speaks from his experiences as a high school student and Judge Bloom provides the criminal court judge's perspective, citing court cases.

Since its creation, Jacob and Judge Bloom have presented the Listen UP! Program at Miami Beach Senior High, MAST Academy, Hialeah High, Young Women's Preparatory Academy, Alonzo and Tracy Mourning Senior High School, the African Heritage Cultural Arts Center and the Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Senior High School.

In November 2012, Jacob and Judge Bloom teamed with Informed Families and created a webinar that will air statewide. A member of the Miami-Dade County Youth Commission, Jacob has received endorsement from other youth commissioners and aims to reach each student in the Miami-Dade County public schools, and thereby keep as many as possible out of criminal court.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to conduct a meeting with the developers of the Listen UP! Program to discuss including the presentation in Miami-Dade County Public Schools high school curriculum.

**Replacement
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