

Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 13-103 OF
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
RECOGNIZING THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY YOUTH FAIR**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

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

Walter B. Arnold Jr. is credited with having the vision of taking a small 4-H county fair and turning it into one of the most beloved attractions in Miami-Dade County with a loyal following of half a million visitors each year. Now in its 62nd year, the Miami-Dade County Youth Fair & Exposition is the largest private, nonprofit organization in Miami-Dade County that exists solely to promote education and agriculture.

The Youth Fair works year-round promoting education and South Florida agriculture showcasing and rewarding youth achievement. During the 18-day fair, there are 47 events in which 40,000 student art, science and educational projects are exhibited.

Each year, The Youth Fair awards over \$70,000 in college scholarships to local public, charter, home-schooled and private high school students. To date, The Youth Fair has awarded more than \$10 million to Miami-Dade graduates to help them achieve higher education.

The Youth Fair also partners with Miami-Dade County Parks and Recreation and funds athletic competitions each fall and spring. They help coordinate competitions for 10,000 Miami-Dade County middle and high school students taking part in various sporting events.

The Miami-Dade County Youth Fair is to be commended for its years of successfully helping many students achieve their dreams and its commitment to highlighting the important contributions made by youths and farm families in the community.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. LAWRENCE S. FELDMAN: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 13-103 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing The Miami-Dade County Youth Fair.

**RESOLUTION NO. 13-103
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING THE YOUTH FAIR**

WHEREAS, Walter B. Arnold Jr. is credited with having the vision of taking a small 4-H county fair and turning it into one of the most beloved attractions in Miami-Dade County with a loyal following of half a million visitors each year; and

WHEREAS, now in its 62nd year, the Miami-Dade County Youth Fair & Exposition is the largest private, nonprofit organization in Miami-Dade County that exists solely to promote education and agriculture; and

WHEREAS, The Youth Fair works year-round promoting education and South Florida agriculture showcasing and rewarding youth achievement. During the 18-day fair, there are 47 events in which 40,000 student art, science and educational projects are exhibited; and

WHEREAS, each year, The Youth Fair awards over \$70,000 in college scholarships to local public, charter, home-schooled and private high school students. To date, The Youth Fair has awarded more than \$10 million to Miami-Dade graduates to help them achieve higher education; and

WHEREAS, The Youth Fair also partners with Miami-Dade County Parks and Recreation and funds athletic competitions each fall and spring. They help coordinate competitions for 10,000 Miami-Dade County middle and high school students taking part in various sporting events; and

WHEREAS, The Miami-Dade County Youth Fair is to be commended for its years of successfully helping many students achieve their dreams and its commitment to highlighting the important contributions made by youths and farm families in the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 13-103 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing The Miami-Dade County Youth Fair.

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

Presented this seventeenth day of July, A.D. 2013

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary