

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Board Member

SUBJECT: THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZES FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS IN DISTRICT 2 } Revised
FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO PUBLIC EDUCATION

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT

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

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) is the fourth largest school district in the nation, a truly global community; M-DCPS students also speak 56 different languages and represent 160 countries. This diverse community is disproportionately impacted by national economic and social changes. M-DCPS has the added challenge of influences of surrounding Latin American and Caribbean countries. These unique circumstances require a resourceful District and an array of community partners who share in educating, maturing, and socializing our students. M-DCPS has been able to join with numerous public and private entities to share information and resources to help enrich the educational experience of our students.

Students leave our campuses and travel to many places around the county. One place that our students find themselves involved is that of many faith-based organizations in Miami-Dade County. Many faith based organizations hold education and student well-being as a guiding principle of their own mission and over the years District 2 as well as the entire county has benefited from their commitment. Faith-based organizations are valuable educational partners in the community. Many of them tutor our students after school and they also organize extracurricular activities such as music and dance.

District 2's faith-based organizations have advocated and supported District efforts to decrease student suspensions and pass the general obligation bond issue which will allow the District to start renovating educational facilities. These organizations routinely organize back to school events, free holiday meals and toy giveaways.

The School Board commends the faith-based organizations of District 2 for their contributions to public education.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS MINDINGALL: That The School Board of Miami-Dade }
County, Florida, recognizes faith-based }
organizations in District 2 for their }
contributions to public education. }
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