

Raquel Regalado, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 13-128 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY HOMELESS TRUST

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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

The Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust was founded in 1993 by the Board of County Commissioners and is headed by a board of 27 volunteers. The agency is tasked with administering proceeds of the one percent food and beverage tax, implementing the Miami-Dade County Community Homeless Plan, and serving in an advisory capacity to the Board of County Commissioners on issues involving homelessness. Through its efforts, street homelessness has seen a reduction from more than 8,000 homeless twenty years ago, to less than 900 homeless today.

On Thursday, November 14, 2013, Homeless Awareness Day was observed for the fifth consecutive year across Miami-Dade County through the support of The Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust. The goal of Homeless Awareness Day is to raise awareness about homelessness and to educate and engage our community about ways to end homelessness. Several events were held throughout the day to teach our community about how we can achieve the goal of ending homelessness. To that end, more than 40 school groups and community organizations participated in Cardboard Brigades to support the homeless and educational rallies were held at the University of Miami and Florida Memorial University to educate high school students about issues facing the homeless. In addition, several schools hosted food drives, sock drives, and marches to raise awareness and participation.

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Since 2007, in conjunction with The Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust, Miami-Dade County Public Schools offers in-school, age appropriate curriculum about homelessness that teachers can use to encourage discussion among their students. Each year, The Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust sponsors an essay and photo contest that allows students to express what homelessness means to them. Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends its partner, The Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust, for its philanthropic endeavors and efforts to end homelessness in our community.

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ACTION PROPOSED BY

MS. RAQUEL REGALADO: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 13-128 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing The Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 13-128
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY HOMELESS TRUST**

WHEREAS, The Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust was founded in 1993 by the Board of County Commissioners and is headed by a board of 27 volunteers. The agency is tasked with administering proceeds from the one percent food and beverage tax, implementing the Miami-Dade County Community Homeless Plan, and serving in an advisory capacity to the Board of County Commissioners on issues involving homelessness; and

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WHEREAS, through its efforts, street homelessness has seen a reduction from more than 8,000 homeless individuals in twenty years, to the current number of 900 homeless; and

WHEREAS, on Thursday, November 14, 2013, Homeless Awareness Day was observed for the fifth consecutive year across Miami-Dade County through the support of The Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust; and

WHEREAS, the goal of Homeless Awareness Day is to raise awareness about homelessness and to educate and engage our community about ways to end homelessness. Several events were held throughout the day to teach M-DCPS students about the many ways that they can help our community achieve the goal of ending homelessness; and

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WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends The Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust for its philanthropic endeavors and efforts to end homelessness in our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 13-128 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing The Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust.

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

Presented this nineteenth day of November, A.D. 2013

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary