

Ms. Raquel Regalado, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 14-028 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE MOYER FOUNDATION AND CATHOLIC HOSPICE FOR ESTABLISHING CAMP ERIN

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: STUDENT, PARENT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

On November 8, 2012, the Moyer Foundation announced that Catholic Hospice had been awarded a grant to establish Camp Erin in South Florida, a free bereavement camp designed for children ages 6-17 who have experienced the death of someone close to them.

Catholic Hospice has been addressing the needs of grieving children in South Florida for the past 15 years with its "Camp Hope." After the partnership between The Moyer Foundation and Catholic Hospice was formed, the camp was renamed "Camp Erin."

Facilitated by Catholic Hospice professionals and volunteers from the South Florida Community, Camp Erin South Florida will be a free, weekend-long experience filled with traditional and fun camp activities combined with grief education and emotional support. Grieving children will be offered tools and resources to cope with their grief, have the opportunity to address their feelings and memorialize their loved ones.

Major League Baseball pitcher Jamie Moyer and his wife, Karen, founded the Moyer Foundation in 2000 with the mission to empower children in distress. The Moyer Foundation has the largest network of bereavement camps in the nation, and annually serves more than 2,500 children at nearly 40 camp locations, including a camp in every Major League Baseball city.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, approximately 1.5 million children are living in single-family households because of the death of one parent. One out of every 20 children, age 15 and younger will suffer the loss of one or both parents. These statistics do not account for the number of children who lose a "parental figure," such as a grandparent or other relative that provides care, a sibling, friend, etc. Without support, statistics show these youth are at a higher risk for poverty, substance abuse, depression and suicide.

The School Board commends The Moyer Foundation and Catholic Hospice for serving the critical needs of South Florida's children in severe distress and ensuring they have the ability to grieve and express their emotions in order to start on a path of healing and recovery.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

MS. RAQUEL REGALADO: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 14-028 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Moyer Foundation and Catholic Hospice for establishing Camp Erin.

**RESOLUTION NO. 14-028
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING THE MOYER FOUNDATION AND CATHOLIC HOSPICE FOR
ESTABLISHING CAMP ERIN**

WHEREAS, on November 8, 2012, the Moyer Foundation announced that Catholic Hospice had been awarded a grant to establish Camp Erin in South Florida, a free bereavement camp designed for children ages 6-17 who have experienced the death of someone close to them; and

WHEREAS, Catholic Hospice has been addressing the needs of grieving children in South Florida for the past 15 years with its "Camp Hope." After the partnership between The Moyer Foundation and Catholic Hospice was formed, the camp was renamed "Camp Erin"; and

WHEREAS, facilitated by Catholic Hospice professionals and volunteers from the South Florida Community, Camp Erin South Florida will be a free, weekend-long experience filled with traditional and fun camp activities, combined with grief education and emotional support; and

WHEREAS, grieving children will be offered tools and resources to cope with their grief, and be given the opportunity to address their feelings and memorialize their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, Major League Baseball pitcher Jamie Moyer and his wife, Karen, founded the Moyer Foundation in 2000 with the mission to empower children in distress; and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, approximately 1.5 million children are living in a single-family household because of the death of one parent. One out of every 20 children, age 15 and younger will suffer the loss of one or both parents. Without support, statistics show these youth are at a higher risk for poverty, substance abuse, depression and suicide; and

WHEREAS, the School Board commends The Moyer Foundation and Catholic Hospice for serving the critical needs of South Florida's children in severe distress and ensuring they have the ability to grieve and express their emotions in order to start on a path of healing and recovery;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve approve Resolution No. 14-028 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Moyer Foundation and Catholic Hospice for establishing Camp Erin.

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

Presented this twelfth day of March, A.D. 2014

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary