

Ms. Susie V. Castillo, Board Member

**SUBJECT: INCREASING AWARENESS AT DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOLS
ABOUT U.S. SERVICE ACADEMIES**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
FRAMEWORK: EDUCATION**

United States Service Academies are federal academies for undergraduate education and training of commissioned officers for the United States Armed Forces. Admission to the academies is highly selective and students must be nominated for admission by a member of Congress, except those applying for the U.S. Coast Guard Academy. It takes a well-rounded program of leadership, academic, and athletic preparation to meet the service academies' high admission standards and competition for appointment.

The academies are ranked annually by U.S. News & World Report and Forbes.com as some of the most selective colleges and universities in the country. The five recognized U.S. Service Academies are:

- The United States Military Academy (USMA) in West Point, New York.
- The United States Naval Academy (USNA) in Annapolis, Maryland.
- The United States Coast Guard Academy (USCGA) in New London, Connecticut.
- The United States Air Force Academy (USAFA) in Colorado Springs, Colorado.
- The United States Merchant Marine Academy (USMMA) in Kings Point, New York.

The intent of this item is to have an informational campaign developed that would help increase awareness of U.S. Service Academies and the educational opportunities they provide.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. SUSIE V. CASTILLO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, request that the Superintendent develop an informational campaign to help raise awareness of U.S. Service Academies among district high school students.