

Ms. Raquel Regalado, Board Member

SUBJECT: LAUREN'S KIDS RECYCLING PROGRAM

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: STUDENT, PARENT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Lauren's Kids has partnered with Charity Recycling Services, LLC, to make a difference in our community through the collection of recycled clothing. This recycling program, often referred to as "FUNraising Dollars", was launched over a year ago and has not just helped in keeping unwanted clothing and shoes out of landfills, but has also created thousands of jobs in the United States.

Charity Recycling is a nationally recognized company that throughout more than 20 years in the recycling business has supplied thrift stores with high quality second hand clothing that allows disadvantaged communities nationwide and worldwide to dress for less.

Through their joint venture, Lauren's Kids and Charity Recycling – the latter having already established successful partnerships with the Palm Beach County School District, Big Brother/Big Sister and Make-a-Wish Foundation – would like to partner with Miami-Dade County Public Schools to give our school community the opportunity to help less fortunate people while raising money for our schools. The recycling approach is simple and free of any cost to our schools. Collection boxes or bins would be placed in visible areas in as many M-DCPS as possible where students, parents and school staff can place unwanted apparel and shoes, no matter what condition they are in.

Charity Recycling uses the most modern technology in every of the recycling containers they utilize. This technology allows them to know when each container needs to be serviced and how many pounds each container collects daily, weekly, monthly and yearly. Each school will be provided with a report of the success of its recycling containers, so they can monitor how much they are contributing to recycling as well as how much they are money they are raising. Specifically, Charity Recycling will pay schools \$0.05 per pound for all textile and shoes they collect which will be paid via a check directly to schools on a quarterly basis. Additionally, Charity Recycling will offer prizes, such as computers, iPads and pizza parties, to the schools that recycle the large amounts in the District.

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