

Ms. Lubby Navarro, Board Member

**SUBJECT:                   REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 16-103 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS POLICE DEPARTMENT, CITIZENS' CRIME WATCH OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY YOUTH CRIME WATCH DIVISION, AND THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR MISSING & EXPLOITED CHILDREN FOR THEIR PARTNERSHIP IN THE DISTRICT'S KINDERGARTEN COP PROGRAM**

**COMMITTEE:               INNOVATION, GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT:               INFORMED, ENGAGED AND EMPOWERED STAKEHOLDERS**

During the 2013-2014 school year, the Miami-Dade County Public Schools Police Department in collaboration with Ms. Ana Arias, kindergarten school teacher at Gloria Floyd Elementary School started The District's Kindergarten Cop Program. The pilot program began as a safety program geared toward Kindergarten aged students in order to encourage them to be good citizens, good neighbors, and to take pride in their school.

The District's Kindergarten Cop Program mission is to develop a positive relationship with law enforcement and students in our elementary schools, forging a bond built on trust, values, and decision making.

As part of the program, a school resource officer provides awareness to students on numerous safety topics including: Violence Prevention, Gun Safety Awareness, Bullying Prevention, Cyber bullying, Sexting, Drug Abuse Prevention, Trusted Adult and Values.

After a successful implementation of the pilot during the first year, the program expanded to Kendale Elementary School, during the 2015-2016 school year. Additionally, the District's Police Department partnered with the Citizens' Crime Watch of Miami- Dade County Youth Crime Watch Division and The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children to add their expertise to the Kindergarten Cop Program. The Youth Crime Watch provided evidence-based Youth Crime Prevention Education to students. The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children's KidSmartz and NetSmartz internet site programs were incorporated in the Kindergarten Cop program.

The District's Kindergarten Cop Program is making a positive impact in the lives of our young children in our schools, by teaching them the values necessary to grow up as responsible citizens in our community. The Kindergarten Cop program is a preventative program that encompasses several initiatives spearheaded by Miami Dade County Public Schools including the Values Matter Miami Initiative. This program strengthens the ties between our children and our law enforcement officers by forging a positive relationship at an early age.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
LUBBY NAVARRO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 16-103 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing The Miami-Dade County Public Schools Police Department, Citizens' Crime Watch Of Miami-Dade County Youth Crime Watch Division, And The National Center For Missing & Exploited Children For Their Partnership In The District's Kindergarten Cop Program.

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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS POLICE  
DEPARTMENT, CITIZENS' CRIME WATCH OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY YOUTH  
CRIME WATCH DIVISION, AND THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR MISSING &  
EXPLOITED CHILDREN FOR THEIR PARTNERSHIP IN THE DISTRICT'S  
KINDERGARTEN COP PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, during the 2013-2014 school year, the Miami-Dade County Public Schools Police Department in collaboration with Ms. Ana Arias, kindergarten school teacher at Gloria Floyd Elementary School started The District's Kindergarten Cop Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the District's Kindergarten Cop Program mission is to develop a positive relationship with law enforcement and students in our elementary schools, forging a bond built on trust, values, and decision making; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of the program a school resource officer provides awareness to students on numerous safety topics including: Violence Prevention, Gun Safety Awareness, Bullying Prevention, Cyber bullying, Sexting, Drug Abuse Prevention, Trusted Adult and Values; and

**WHEREAS**, after a successful implementation of the pilot during the first year, the program expanded to Kendale Elementary School, during the 2015-2016 school year. Additionally, the District's Police Department partnered with the Citizens' Crime Watch of Miami-Dade County Youth Crime Watch Division and The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children to add their expertise to the Kindergarten Cop Program; and

**WHEREAS**, The District's Kindergarten Cop Program is making a positive impact in the lives of our young children in our schools, by teaching them the values necessary to grow up as responsible citizens in our community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 16-103 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida recognizing The Miami-Dade County Public Schools Police Department, Citizens' Crime Watch Of Miami-Dade County Youth Crime Watch Division, And The National Center For Missing & Exploited Children For Their Partnership In The District's Kindergarten Cop Program.

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

**Presented this fifth day of October, A.D. 2016**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary