

Ms. Maria Teresa Rojas, Board Member

SUBJECT: SCHOOL BOARD ENDORSEMENT OF NATIONAL HUNGER AND HOMELESS AWARENESS WEEK, NOVEMBER 10-18, 2018

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL, & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: SAFE, HEALTHY AND SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Thanksgiving Day is an annual national holiday in the United States celebrating the many blessings of the past year. Thanksgiving has deep roots in tradition and is a delightful time to gather with family and friends and reflect on the many wonderful and positive accomplishments of the last year. It is also a time to redirect some of our thoughts and ideas and donate time, attention, and resources to those less fortunate.

It is in that spirit of thankfulness and giving, that each year the National Coalition for the Homeless and the National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness set aside the week prior to Thanksgiving to sponsor the National Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week. This year it is the week of November 10-18, 2018. Organizing and participating in different events during this week may bring greater solidarity and understanding, as well as promote future involvement as it is vital to dispel myths that label homeless as someone else's problem or claim that an end to homelessness is impossible.

This agenda item seeks the School Board endorsement of National Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week, November 10-18, 2018, in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

This item has been reviewed and approved by the School Board Attorney's office as to form and legal sufficiency.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

MS. MARIA TERESA ROJAS: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorse National Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week, November 10-18, 2018, in Miami-Dade County Public Schools