

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Board Member

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SUBJECT: RECOGNIZING WORLD AIDS DAY “ENDING THE HIV/AIDS EPIDEMIC: RESILIENCE AND IMPACT” IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS (M-DCPS)

COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, INNOVATIONS, EVALUATION & TECHNOLOGY

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: RELEVANT, RIGOROUS AND INNOVATIVE ACADEMICS

Started in 1988, World AIDS Day was the first-ever global health day. World AIDS Day, observed each year on December 1, is an opportunity for people worldwide to unite in the fight against HIV, show their support for people with HIV, and remember those who have died from an HIV-related illness.

According to U.S. Department of State, each year on World AIDS Day (December 1) we take time to reflect upon our worldwide response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic by remembering the millions we’ve lost over the past four decades, celebrating our achievements over the past year, and pledging to work in even more inclusive and innovative ways over the coming year.

The U.S. Government (USG) theme for World AIDS Day 2020 – Ending the HIV/AIDS Epidemic: Resilience and Impact is especially poignant this year as our HIV community has been newly challenged by, and often led the response to, COVID-19 in communities around the globe. COVID-19 has not only forced us to adapt our response to HIV/AIDS in communities to ensure continuity of services, but also reinforced the urgency of ending the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the U.S. and around the world.

The theme reminds us of all we can achieve together when we focus on impact by using data to deliver high quality, people-centered HIV prevention and treatment services to those most in need, tackling stigma and discrimination, and empowering communities. It reaffirms the essential role of resilience, which enables individuals and communities to meet the challenge of HIV/AIDS even in times of adversity.

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

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS-MINDINGALL: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, join in recognizing December 1st as World AIDS Day "Ending The HIV/AIDS Epidemic: Resilience Impact" in Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS).