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SUBJECT: REQUEST THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, DIRECT THE SUPERINTENDENT TO ENDORSE THE FOURTH ANNUAL VOLUNTEER MIAMI 2001 STREET FAIR ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2001, AT MIAMI-DADE COMMUNITY COLLEGE, WOLFSON CAMPUS

The Fourth Annual Volunteer Miami 2001 High School Street Fair will be held on Wednesday, January 31, 2001, at Miami-Dade Community College, Wolfson Campus. In the past, it has attracted nearly 20,000 people who acquainted themselves with more than 180 community service organizations that were recruiting volunteers. Organizations represented included arts coalitions, educational institutions, homeless shelters, police departments, and mentoring organizations.

Many in our community want to help others but do not know how to get involved. The fair provides that opportunity. Students who attend the fair can get an immediate sense of community responsibility and pride. They also can see the variety of volunteer service opportunities available that could help them fulfill their community service requirement for graduation.

All Miami-Dade County public high school students must complete a community service project before they graduate. No prescribed number of hours are required of a student seeking a standard diploma to complete his or her project, but it must be well-planned, organized, and include voluntary efforts designed to address a specific need in the community. Approximately 100,000 students will attend our high schools next year, and the fair would be an excellent venue for them to develop or further enhance their community service proposals.

Giving back to our community builds a better one. One endorsement of the fair with greater student participation can help further care and concern for others.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
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That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent to endorse the Annual Volunteer Street Fair on Wednesday, January 31, 2001, at Miami-Dade Community College, Wolfson Campus