

Dr. Marta Pérez, Member

**SUBJECT: THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 01-26, RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 2001 AS CHARACTER EDUCATION KICK-OFF MONTH, WITH A SPECIFIC CORE VALUE HIGHLIGHTED DURING THAT MONTH AND EACH SUBSEQUENT MONTH, IN ALL MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Building students' ethical and moral character is necessary for an active, responsible citizenry in a democratic society. During the 1994-95 school year, a Miami-Dade County Public Schools task force identified a set of nine core values believed to be universally accepted by all segments of society. These core values and their accompanying descriptions were adopted by the Miami-Dade County School Board on July 26, 1995.

To foster the education of our students in these values, it is proposed that the School Board recognizing September 2001 as character education kick-off month, with a specific core value highlighted in our schools during that month and each subsequent month, as follows:

<i>September:</i>	Pursuit of Excellence Month (kick-off)
<i>October:</i>	Responsibility Month
<i>November:</i>	Citizenship Month
<i>December:</i>	Kindness Month
<i>January:</i>	Honesty Month
<i>February:</i>	Integrity Month
<i>March:</i>	Respect Month
<i>April:</i>	Cooperation Month
<i>May:</i>	Fairness Month
<i>June:</i>	Character Education Celebration Month (Review of nine core values)

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
DR. MARTA PÉREZ:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve resolution no. 01-26 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing September 2001 as character education kick-off month, with a specific core value highlighted during that month and each subsequent month, in all Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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**REPLACEMENT  
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**RESOLUTION NO. 01-26  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 2001 AS CHARACTER  
EDUCATION KICK-OFF MONTH, WITH A  
SPECIFIC CORE VALUE HIGHLIGHTED DURING THAT MONTH  
AND EACH SUBSEQUENT MONTH, IN  
ALL MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**WHEREAS**, character education is important in creating a civilized society based upon democratic values; and

**WHEREAS**, character education is vital to human survival in an increasingly interdependent world; and

**WHEREAS**, character education provides us with the opportunity to teach our children about treating people fairly, being open-minded and accepting of those whose backgrounds and ideas are different from one's own; and

**WHEREAS**, character education encompasses lessons that emphasize honesty, integrity, respect and responsibility, among other values; and

**WHEREAS**, character education encourages students to pursue excellence in all that they do;

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 01-26 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing September 2001 as character education kick-off month, with a specific core value highlighted during that month and each subsequent month, in all Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

Presented this sixteenth day of May, A.D. 2001

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary