

Dr. Martin Karp, Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST THAT THE SUPERINTENDENT ACCEPT FROM THE FLORIDA JEWISH MUSEUM COMPLIMENTARY FIELD TRIPS INCLUDING TRANSPORTATION AND ADMISSION FOR SIX ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS FOR FLORIDA JEWISH HISTORY MONTH, JANUARY, 2009

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: ENGAGE STAKEHOLDERS ON DISTRICT INITIATIVES AND ACTIVITIES

In 2003, the Governor of Florida signed House Bill 0803 into law designating the month of January, annually, as Florida Jewish History Month. The purpose of Florida Jewish History Month is to focus attention on the numerous social, political, economic, and cultural contributions made by Florida's Jewish community since arriving in Florida in 1763. The concept for Florida Jewish History Month began at the Jewish Museum of Florida located in Miami Beach. The Jewish Museum collects, preserves, and interprets the Jewish experience in Florida through educational exhibitions and activities.

Florida Jewish History Month provides all Floridians, including students, with the opportunity to recognize the integral role the Jewish culture has played in the development of the state and to celebrate the numerous contributions of Florida's Jewish community to the state and nation.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools also supports an initiative offered by the Florida Jewish Museum for schools to have the opportunity of visiting the Museum, experiencing Jewish cultural artifacts, and history as well as participating in FCAT activities at the Museum and having access to FCAT related lesson ideas for classroom follow-up after the visit. Field trips will be offered to six elementary schools and will include free transportation and free admission to the Museum. It is encouraged that Florida Jewish History Month be celebrated in all of Miami-Dade County's public schools during January, 2009.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
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That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, and the Superintendent accept six complimentary field trips from the Florida Jewish Museum and encourage schools to plan appropriate activities to commemorate Florida Jewish History Month, January, 2009.