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**SUBJECT: MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS' 2008 UNITED WAY
CAMPAIGN RESULTS**

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT

**STRATEGIC PLAN: ACTIVELY ENGAGE FAMILY AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS
TO BECOME OUR PARTNERS IN RAISING AND
MAINTAINING HIGH STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) has concluded its successful 2008 United Way campaign, with total contributions of \$2,242,063. The employee campaign raised \$1,564,786, and the student campaign raised \$677,277. Again, the District had the most successful school district campaign in the nation and continues to be one of only two institutions with a campaign of more than \$2 million in Miami-Dade County. The United Way campaign is coordinated by the Office of Community Services.

Given these uncertain economic times, these results show the importance our students and employees place on charitable giving. For more than 30 years, M-DCPS employees, bargaining units and students have partnered with United Way in advancing the common good, and this partnership continues to grow. This past year alone, United Way invested \$13 million in 91 programs that directly impact the lives of M-DCPS students and their families. These programs range from afterschool tutoring, dropout prevention, health screenings, speech-language therapy, mental health counseling, crisis counseling, financial planning, emergency food and shelter.

Under the theme of "Live United," M-DCPS employees, students, labor unions and bargaining units worked together to benefit their community in keeping with the school system's long-standing support of United Way.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, accept Miami-Dade County Public Schools' 2008 United Way campaign results.

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