

Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-50 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ENDORSING APRIL 20-24, 2009, AS HIV/AIDS AWARENESS WEEK IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT

STRATEGIC PLAN: HEALTH LITERACY: ALL STUDENTS WILL BE EDUCATED ON HOW TO MAKE "HEALTH-ENHANCING" CHOICES

Twenty years ago, Miami-Dade County Public Schools launched the first local HIV/AIDS Awareness Week Campaign to support the implementation of the District-developed prevention curriculum *AIDS: Get the Facts!* As part of this initiative, positive, consciousness-raising activities are conducted. These activities include the facilitation of HIV and STD prevention education in schools, alternative education centers, and places within the community; the distribution of informative literature; and the promotion of school announcements, speakers, videos, and contests.

According to the M-DCPS Youth Risk Behavior Survey, over 51% of high school students are sexually active and 47% have had three or more sexual partners. Furthermore, 18% of students used drugs or alcohol at the time of their sexual encounters. With 30,780 Miami-Dade County residents reported as having AIDS since 1980, Miami-Dade County has the unfortunate distinction of ranking first in both HIV and AIDS cases in the state (Miami-Dade County Health Department Surveillance Report, August 2007).

Throughout this week, M-DCPS is joining forces with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Miami-Dade County Department of Health, the University of Miami, the Health Choice Network, the Urban League, the Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership, and a myriad of other community- and faith-based organizations and health service organizations to host special events. Through these events, students are provided with educational opportunities to research the economic, social, and/or political impact of the HIV virus; graph global HIV and AIDS statistics; and study the cycle of a retro-virus in an effort to promote making healthy decisions.

In support of the mission of the District Wellness Policy, the HIV/AIDS Awareness Week initiative supports improving the health and well-being of all students.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. LAWRENCE FELDMAN, BOARD MEMBER: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-50 endorsing April 20-24, 2009 as HIV/AIDS Awareness Week in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 09-50
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING APRIL
20-24, 2009 AS HIV/AIDS AWARENESS WEEK IN MIAMI DADE COUNTY PUBLIC
SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, Twenty years ago, Miami-Dade County Public Schools launched the first local HIV/AIDS Awareness Week Campaign to support the implementation of the District-developed prevention curriculum *AIDS: Get the Facts!*; and

WHEREAS, through this initiative, students will be provided with educational opportunities to research the economic, social, and/or political impact of the HIV virus; graph global HIV and AIDS statistics; and study the cycle of a retro-virus in an effort to promote making healthy decisions; and

WHEREAS, additional activities aimed at educating students about HIV and STD prevention education in schools, alternative education centers, and places within the community will be aimed at lowering alarming statistics related to HIV and STD as released by the Miami-Dade County Health Department Surveillance Report; and

WHEREAS, M-DCPS is joining forces with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Miami-Dade County Department of Health, the University of Miami, the Health Choice Network, the Urban League, the Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership and a myriad of other community- and faith-based organizations and health service organizations to host special events; and

WHEREAS, HIV/AIDS Awareness Week initiative supports improving the health and well-being of all students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve resolution 09-50 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing April 20-24, 2009 as HIV/AIDS Awareness Week in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

A copy of this resolution is placed in the permanent records of this Board.

Presented this twenty-second day of April, A.D. 2009

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary