

Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-96 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS' TITLE I MIGRANT EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR ITS OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES AND SUPPORTING THE CONTINUATION OF DISTRICT-PROVIDED SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL AND SUPPORT SERVICES AT THE EVERGLADES, REDLAND, AND SOUTH DADE LABOR CENTERS

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' Title I Migrant Education Program has served Miami-Dade's students and their families for nearly four decades. Over the past several years, children of migrant farm workers residing at the Everglades Labor Center, operated by the Everglades Community Association, and the Redland and South Dade Labor Centers, operated by the Homestead Housing Authority, have benefitted from free, supplemental educational and support services provided by the Title I Migrant Education Program at the Labor Centers. The services provided through the program at the Centers are federally funded and include tutoring, after-school care, and classes related to parenting, GED, and English for Speakers of Other Languages.

The migrant farm workers of Miami-Dade County consist of a group of hardworking individuals who support and value public education and who are committed to serving the community. Pivotal to Miami-Dade's agricultural growth and viability, migrant farm workers provide infinite expertise, skills, and passion in cultivating the landscape of Miami-Dade County. Migrant farm workers represent the countless number of parents and concerned citizens across our nation who want every child to receive a quality and well-rounded education.

The Title I Migrant Education Program has witnessed remarkable achievements and growth. This year, more than 120 children of migrant farm workers graduated from a Miami-Dade public high school. The program has also made significant contributions toward curtailing the dropout rate among migrant high school students in Miami-Dade. During the summer, students participate in special activities to ensure year-round learning.

In order to ensure the continued success of the program, it is essential for Miami-Dade County Public Schools to be able to continue to deliver supplemental educational and support services at the Centers. To this end, a collaborative business relationship with the Homestead Housing Authority is necessary. Given the significant contribution of Miami-Dade County Public Schools'

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Title I Migrant Education Program, it is paramount that parents, staff, students, business leaders, faith-based leaders, and the community at large support the program's continued existence and operation at the Everglades, Redland, and South Dade Labor Centers.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. LAWRENCE S. FELDMAN:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-96 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Miami-Dade County Public Schools' Title I Migrant Education Program for its outstanding contributions to students and their families and support the continuation of District-provided supplemental educational and support services at the Everglades, Redland, and South Dade Labor Centers.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-96

OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS' TITLE I MIGRANT EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR ITS OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES AND SUPPORT THE CONTINUATION OF DISTRICT-PROVIDED SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL AND SUPPORT SERVICES AT THE EVERGLADES, REDLAND, AND SOUTH DADE LABOR CENTERS

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools' Title I Migrant Education Program has served Miami-Dade's students and their families for nearly four decades, providing tutoring, after-school care, and classes related to parenting, GED, and English for Speakers of Other Languages; and

WHEREAS, over the past several years, children of migrant farm workers residing at the Everglades Labor Center, operated by the Everglades Community Association, and the Redland and South Dade Labor Centers, operated by the Homestead Housing Authority, have benefitted from free, supplemental educational and support services provided by the Title I Migrant Education Program at the Labor Centers; and

WHEREAS, the migrant farm workers of Miami-Dade County consist of a group of hardworking individuals who support and value public education, who are committed to serving the community, and who are pivotal to Miami-Dade's agricultural growth and viability; and

WHEREAS, the Title I Migrant Education Program has witnessed remarkable achievements and growth, including significant contributions toward curtailing the dropout rate among migrant high school students in Miami-Dade and the graduation of more than 120 children of migrant farm workers this year; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure the continued success of the program, it is essential for Miami-Dade County Public Schools to be able to continue to deliver supplemental educational and support services at the Centers. To this end, a collaborative business relationship with the Homestead Housing Authority is necessary; and

WHEREAS, given the significant contribution of Miami-Dade County Public Schools' Title I Migrant Education Program, it is paramount that parents, staff, students, business leaders, faith-based leaders, and the community at large support the program's continued existence and operation at the Everglades, Redland, and South Dade Labor Centers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-96 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Miami-Dade County Public Schools' Title I Migrant Education Program for its outstanding contributions to students and their families and supporting the continuation of District-provided supplemental educational and support services at the Everglades, Redland, and South Dade Labor Centers.

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

Presented this fifteenth day of July, A.D. 2009

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary

