

Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-102 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING LAUREN'S KIDS, A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO PREVENTING CHILD ABUSE AND HEALING SURVIVORS

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE SAFETY AND THE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

Statistics indicate that 3.2 million instances of child abuse and neglect were reported in 2007. More than 50 percent of those children experienced some form of child maltreatment, including emotional, sexual and physical abuse. Approximately 1,760 children died in one year from abuse and neglect.

Lauren's Kids was created by child abuse victim and survivor Lauren Book-Lim. Lauren has become a leader in victim's rights and is responsible for spearheading state legislation to champion victims of sexual violence and promote their healing. Through her and her foundation's efforts, millions of dollars have been raised to support efforts aimed at preventing child abuse and protecting victims.

Lauren's Kids, a non-profit organization, helps educate adults and children about sexual predators with seminars and workshops focusing on sexual abuse laws, legal counsel and guidance on filing complaints. A national call-in line was established to answer sexual abuse calls and offer support and guidance to young children. In addition, a state-level trust fund was developed to create a network of sexual assault treatment centers.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. LAWRENCE S. FELDMAN: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-102 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Lauren's Kids, a non-profit organization dedicated to preventing child abuse and healing survivors.

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-102
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING
LAUREN'S KIDS, A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO
PREVENTING CHILD ABUSE AND HEALING SURVIVORS**

WHEREAS, statistics indicate that 3.2 million instances of child abuse and neglect were reported in 2007; and

WHEREAS, Lauren's Kids was created by child abuse victim and survivor Lauren Book-Lim; and

WHEREAS, Lauren's Kids, a non-profit organization, helps educate adults and children about sexual predators through seminars and workshops that focus on sexual abuse laws, legal counsel and guidance on filing complaints; and

WHEREAS, a national call-in line was established to answer sexual abuse calls and offer support and guidance to young children and a state-level trust fund was developed to create a network of sexual assault treatment centers; and

WHEREAS, Book-Lim is a leader in victim's rights and is responsible for spearheading state legislation to champion victims of sexual violence and promote their healing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-102 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Lauren's Kids, a non-profit organization dedicated to preventing child abuse and healing survivors.

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

Presented this ninth day of September, A.D. 2009

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary