

Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 10-026 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ENDORSING APRIL 26-30, 2010, AS HIV/AIDS AWARENESS WEEK IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: EDUCATION

Over twenty years ago, Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS), 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 more than 32,328 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, December 2009).

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 S. FELDMAN:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 10-026 endorsing April 26-30, 2010 as HIV/AIDS Awareness Week in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-026
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING
APRIL 26-30, 2010 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 No. 10-026 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing April 26-30, 2010 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 fourteenth day of April, A.D. 2010

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary