

Mr. Renier Diaz de la Portilla, Board Member

SUBJECT: ENDORSEMENT OF STRONG WOMEN, STRONG GIRLS

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
FRAMEWORK: STUDENT, PARENT, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Strong Women, Strong Girls, Inc. (SWSG) is an emerging non-for-profit organization that supports the leadership and self-esteem development of women and girls. The mission of Strong Women, Strong Girls is to build upon the lessons learned from strong women throughout history to encourage girls and young women become strong women themselves. By building communities of women committed to supporting positive social change, SWSG works to create cycles of mutual empowerment for women and girls.

To do this, they have created an innovative after-school program that uses the study of contemporary and historic female role models, mentoring relationships with college undergraduate women, and skill-building activities to help at-risk girls in grades 3-5 build positive self-esteem and skills for life-long success.

By working together with an outstanding network community partners and supporters, Strong Women, Strong Girls is building communities of strong and successful women today and supporting the strong and successful women of tomorrow.

In order to advance the reach and impact of the SWSG program in Miami-Dade County, it is recommended that the School Board endorse the expansion of this program and direct the Superintendent to enter into an agreement with SWSG for the 2010-2011 school year. There is no cost associated with this item.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MR. RENIER DIAZ DE LA PORTILLA:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

1. Endorse the expansion of the Strong Women, Strong Girls, Inc. after-school program in elementary schools across the District; and
2. Direct the Superintendent to enter into an agreement with Strong Women, Strong Girls, Inc. for the 2010-2011 school year.