

Mr. Renier Diaz de la Portilla, Board Member

**SUBJECT: SCHOOL BOARD ENDORSEMENT OF THE HIGHER ED EXPO, OCTOBER 7 - 8, 2011**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

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

The Higher Ed EXPO will be taking place this fall, October 7<sup>th</sup> through the 8<sup>th</sup>, at the Miami Beach Convention Center. Participating in the event will be a wide variety of post-secondary institutions, from career colleges to Ivy League schools. The EXPO will give students the opportunity to interact, compare and receive information on hundreds of higher education institutions across Florida, the U.S., and abroad. Attending schools will present information sessions on how to apply for admission, obtain financial aid, and apply for scholarships. The Miami Higher Ed EXPO will last two full days, giving students ample time to explore the many options and schools available, interact with exhibitors, and bring their parents and family.

Some of the highlights of the EXPO include:

- Free bus transportation to the event available for all attending high schools;
- Free admission to the venue for students from participating high schools;
- Free extra passes for attending students on the first day of the EXPO (so that they can return at a later time with their parents);
- Over 300 participating institutions of post-secondary education.

This event is FREE (with registration prior to October 6, 2011) and open to the public.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**MR. RENIER DIAZ DE LA PORTILLA:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorse the HigherEd EXPO, October 7 – 8, 2011, and direct the Superintendent to help promote the event among Miami-Dade County Public Schools' high school students.