

Mr. Renier Diaz de la Portilla, Board Member

SUBJECT: SCHOOL BOARD ENDORSEMENT OF THE HISPANIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND'S "SCHOLARSHIP TOWN HALL AND COLLEGE EXPO", ON NOVEMBER 5, 2011, AT MIAMI-DADE COLLEGE (NORTH CAMPUS)

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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

As the nation's leading Hispanic higher education fund, HSF works to address the barriers that keep many Latinos from earning a college degree. As part of their community outreach plan, HSF hosts events throughout the country to inform students and parents about opportunities available for financial aid to help cover the costs of higher education.

The event on November 5th will begin with student registration (required) and a light continental breakfast at 8 a.m. It will consist of a comprehensive enrichment program dedicated to offering a wide range of college preparation workshops for students in grades 8 through 12, as well as their parents. The bilingual curriculum will cover how-to instruction on taking the SAT/ACT, financial aid, writing personal statements (essay) for applications and scholarships, and guidance for finding the right college. Twelfth grade students, with a weighted GPA of 3.0 or higher, will have the opportunity to complete and submit the official Online Scholarship Application for HSF Scholarships as well as the MDC American Dream Scholarship.

Event sponsors include: Miami-Dade College – North Campus and FedEx. This event is FREE 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 Hispanic Scholarship Fund's "Scholarship Town Hall and College Expo" on November 5, 2011, and direct the Superintendent to work in conjunction with Miami-Dade College to help promote the event among M-DCPS students.