

Ms. Raquel A. Regalado, Board Member

**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT TO CONDUCT A
STUDY AS TO THE FEASIBILITY OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS' PARTICIPATION IN THE CIVILITY USA
INITIATIVE**

**COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFECIENCY AND GOVERNMENTAL
RELATIONS**

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

In the past this district has considered and even implemented programs aimed at teaching civility. While initially successful all of these attempts have fallen short because what was being taught in the classroom was in sharp contrast to what was being practiced outside the classroom. Civility USA is a response to this piecemeal implementation of these essential principles. The movement focuses on the participation of private and public entities in the hopes of providing a seamless platform which reinforces civility at every level of community interaction. From hospitals to municipalities to private corporations, Civility USA aims to elevate the discourse and promote serious conversations about the loss of civility in our community and as a result in our nation.

It is proposed that a feasibility study of Miami-Dade County Schools' participation in this movement be conducted to specifically determine the possibility of the incorporation of this movement in our civics education, physical education and athletics programs throughout the district. The proponents of Civility USA believe that these areas are ripe for a discussion on how we treat others and the effects that our words and actions have, not only on our lives, but in theirs. Specifically, these areas provide a framework for the evaluation of proper and improper responses to disagreements, competition and strife. From athletes to public officials, these areas provide vivid examples of the cause and effect of incivility and the benefits of conducting oneself in a civil fashion. In so doing, these areas will also link other participants of Civility USA as examples of how this movement lives beyond the classroom.

In light of recent national and local events, it is requested that Miami-Dade County Public Schools consider joining the Civility USA movement, that as a district we establish the need for civility not only among our students but also among our teachers, staff and administrators. That the finding of said study be used to solidify private sponsorship of Miami-Dade County Public Schools' participation in Civility USA.

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ACTION PROPOSED BY

MS. RAQUEL A. REGALADO:

That the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida authorize the Superintendent to conduct a study as to the feasibility of Miami-Dade County Public Schools' participation in the Civility USA initiative.