

Mr. Carlos L. Curbelo, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 11-025 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, DESIGNATING THE THIRD WEEK OF THE MONTH OF APRIL AS ANTI-BULLYING WEEK TO BE CELEBRATED IN ALL MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**COMMITTEE: SCHOOL SUPPORT ACCOUNTABILITY**

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

The National Center for Education Statistics reported that the percentage of students aged 12-18 who reported being bullied at school has increased by 24.6 percent since 2003, with the latest data samples released in 2007.

According to the studies, in 2003 only 7.1 percent of students reported being bullied. In 2005 that number increased to 28.1 and in 2007 it was 31.7 percent.

With statistics on the rise it is imperative that we raise public awareness about the effects of bullying on the children in our community and promote a safe social environment for our children to learn in.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
MR. CARLOS L. CURBELO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-025 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, designating the third week of the month of April as anti-bullying week to be celebrated in all Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
DESIGNATING THE THIRD WEEK OF THE MONTH OF APRIL AS ANTI-BULLYING  
WEEK TO BE CELEBRATED IN ALL MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**WHEREAS**, in 2003 7.1 percent of students reported being bullied according to the National Center for Education Statistics

**WHEREAS**, in 2007 31.7 percent of students reported being bullied according to the National Center for Education Statistics

**WHEREAS**, it is reported that approximately half of high school students have bullied someone in the past year, and nearly the same amount claim that they've been the victim of bullying; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary for the community to address the problem of bullying; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to raise public awareness about the consequences of bullying on the lives of young people in our community;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-025 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, designating the third week of the month of April as anti-bullying week to be celebrated in all Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

A copy of this resolution is placed in the permanent records of this Board.

**Presented this ninth day of March, A.D. 2011  
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary