

Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, Vice Chair

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 11-061
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
COUNCIL OF THE PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION/
PARENT, TEACHER, STUDENT ASSOCIATION (PTA/PTSA)**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

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

On March 24, 2011, Florida's students, parents, educators and concerned citizens joined forces in Tallahassee on the steps of the capitol to protest budget cuts to public education and to demand education funding reform. Hundreds of Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) students attended the third annual "Rally in Tally." Under the leadership of the Miami-Dade County Council of PTAs/PTSAs, the education rally proved to be a valuable civics lesson in which students met with state legislators and cabinet members.

The Miami-Dade County Council of PTAs/PTSAs is the largest council of PTAs/PTSAs in the state of Florida with more than 55,000 members. The organization is an advocate for children in schools and the community as well as before government agencies and organizations that make decisions affecting children. It helps parents build the necessary skills to support and protect their children, and encourage parent and public involvement.

PTA/PTSA membership is open to the public. The organization emphasizes collaboration with various partnerships with diverse individuals and organizations. It is committed to promoting children's well-being, health and educational success through parent and community involvement. The hallmark of the organization is its principles of accountability, respect, inclusion of new members and partners, and integrity.

The Miami-Dade County Council of PTAs/PTSAs is to be commended for its support of and dedication to the students and families of Miami-Dade County's public schools. The organization's involvement in the "Rally to Tally" has proved to be a defining moment in public education advocacy and education funding reform.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. LAWRENCE S. FELDMAN: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-061 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Miami-Dade County Council of PTAs/PTSAs.

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-061
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COUNCIL OF PTAs/PTSAs**

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2011, Florida's students, parents, educators and concerned citizens joined forces in Tallahassee on the steps of the capitol to protest budget cuts to public education and to demand education funding reform. Hundreds of Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) students attended the third annual "Rally in Tally;" and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of the Miami-Dade County Council of PTAs/PTSAs, the education rally proved to be a valuable civics lesson in which students met with state legislators and cabinet members; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade County Council of PTAs/PTSAs is the largest council of PTAs/PTSAs in the state of Florida with more than 55,000 members; and

WHEREAS, the organization is an advocate for children in schools and the community as well as before government agencies and organizations that make decisions affecting children. It helps parents build the necessary skills to support and protect their children, and encourage parent and public involvement; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade County Council of PTAs/PTSAs is to be commended for its support of and dedication to the students and families of Miami-Dade County's public schools. The organization's involvement in the "Rally to Tally" has proved to be a defining moment in public education advocacy and education funding reform;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-061 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Miami-Dade County Council of PTAs/PTSAs.

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

Presented this eleventh day of May A.D. 2011

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary