

Office of the School Board Members
Board Meeting of July 13, 2011

July 6, 2011

Ms. Raquel Regalado, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 11-086
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF CATALYST MIAMI
AND ITS PRESIDENT DANIELLA LEVINE IN PROMOTING
CIVIC ENGAGEMENT THROUGH THE PARENT AND THE
CHILD LEADERSHIP TRAINING INSTITUTES**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

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

Catalyst Miami, a non-for-profit organization formerly known as the Human Services Coalition of Dade County (HSC), was founded in 1995 by Daniella Levine to meet the needs of families and communities through public education, advocacy and dialogue on critical social and economic issues. The organization identifies and launches innovative strategies to help people and communities thrive and to create a more equitable and caring society.

In 16 years the organization has evolved to serve as a hub for innovation in health and human services and an incubator for new approaches to community and economic development. Under its new name, Catalyst Miami's main focus is to create the right environment for civic participation, storytelling and social innovation.

Catalyst Miami programs promote economic self-sufficiency, participation in civic life and respect across many divides by inspiring people to get involved and prepare them to step up to leadership roles that lead to long-term community transformation.

Two of those programs are the Parent Leadership Training Institute (PLTI) and the Child Leadership Training Institute. PLTI is an initiative created to improve the lifelong health, safety and learning of Miami-Dade County's children by helping the parent learn the leadership skills to make real change -- in schools, communities and state and local governments. The newest Child Leadership Training Institute (CLTI) focuses directly on the children by giving them the leadership skills to engage in civic participation.

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The nonprofit's major initiatives also include the Prosperity Campaign and Imagine Miami which have received national recognition from groups including the U.S. Treasury, Government Accountability Office (GAO) and Ford Foundation.

Prior to launching HSC, Ms. Levine was employed as the director of the Educational Advocacy Project for Legal Services of Greater Miami, legal director for the Guardian Ad Litem Program, and manager for foster care, adoptions and child welfare legal services at the Department of Children and Families.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

MS. RAQUEL A. REGALADO: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve resolution No. 11-086 recognizing the work of Catalyst Miami and its President Daniella Levine in promoting civic engagement through the Parent and the Child Leadership Training Institutes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-086
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF CATALYST MIAMI AND ITS PRESIDENT
DANIELLA LEVINE IN PROMOTING CIVIC ENGAGEMENT THROUGH THE
PARENT AND THE CHILD LEADERSHIP TRAINING INSTITUTES**

WHEREAS, Catalyst Miami meets the needs of families and communities through public education, advocacy and dialogue on critical social and economic issues; and

WHEREAS, Catalyst Miami identifies and launches innovative strategies to help people and communities thrive and create a more equitable and caring society; and

WHEREAS, the Parent Leadership Training Institute and the Child Leadership Training Institute are initiatives created to improve the lifelong health, safety and learning of both Miami-Dade County's children and their parents by learning leadership skills to make real change -- in schools, communities and state and local governments; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools encourages involvement and civic participation for the wellbeing of all children and their parents

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-086 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the work of Catalyst Miami and its President Daniella Levine in promoting civic engagement through the Parent and the Child Leadership Training Institutes.

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

Presented this thirteen day of July, A.D. 2011

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary