

Office of the School Board Members
Board Meeting of August 3, 2011

July 27, 2011

Ms. Raquel Regalado, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 11-096
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP FOR
HOMELESS FOR THEIR EFFORTS TO ASSIST HOMELESS
FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN WHO ATTEND MIAMI-DADE
COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

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

Community Partnership for Homeless (CPH) grew out of the grave concern local citizens and elected officials had about the growing problem of homelessness. The late Governor Lawton Chiles appointed a blue-ribbon panel ("Governor's Commission on Homeless") to address this issue. The plan was to bring together the public and private sectors to respond to the growing problem of homelessness within Miami-Dade County. As a result, Community Partnership for Homeless serves as the private sector partner and the Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust is the public partner.

For more than fifteen years, Community Partnership for Homeless has been assisting homeless men, women and children in transitioning off the streets of Miami-Dade County and on their way to attaining greater stability and self-sufficiency in their lives. Many of these families have children who attend the Miami-Dade County Public Schools' system.

CPH's main catalyst for success is the Homeless Assistance Centers which operate as one-stop temporary care entry points that provide not just food and shelter, but comprehensive case management, healthcare, daycare, job training and other assistance from a variety of social service agencies all under one roof.

Currently, Community Partnership for Homeless operates two Homeless Assistance Centers – The Chapman Center in downtown Miami and the South Miami-Dade Center in Homestead. Since opening their doors in 1995, 61.82% of former residents have successfully moved off the streets into a better quality of life.

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Daniel Vincent serves as Executive Director for CPH. Mr. Vincent along with the staff and supporters of Community Partnership for Homeless are commended for their selfless efforts to provide a safe, nurturing environment for children and their families while respecting their human dignity.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

MS. RAQUEL A. REGALADO: That the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-096 recognizing Community Partnership for Homeless for their effort to assist homeless families with children who attend Miami-Dade County Public Schools.