

Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, Vice Chair

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 12-027 OF THE
SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING AMERICAN GRADUATE NATIONAL INITIATIVE**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

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

American Graduate is national initiative that helps local communities find solutions to address the high school dropout crisis in the United States. Statistics show that three out of every 10 students in our nation's public schools fail to finish high school and an average of more than 7,200 students drop out each school day.

WLRN Public Radio & Television was selected by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting to be the American Graduate public media hub station for Miami-Dade County and raise awareness of the dropout issue. The American Graduate initiative supports the station's long-standing commitment to education and strengthens partnerships with Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS), local businesses and community organizations.

WLRN launched the American Graduate: Let's Make It Happen! initiative at a community forum held January 10, 2012. More than 100 community and education stakeholders participated in the forum which showcased the American Graduate video and included a message about graduation rates from Superintendent of Schools Alberto M. Carvalho.

WLRN will implement awareness strategies and activities to encourage students to stay in school and graduate. Targeting the district's middle school population, four schools have been selected for extended outreach engagement: Hialeah Gardens Middle School, Nautilus Middle School, North Dade Middle School, and Mandarin Lakes K-8 Academy.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends WLRN Public Radio & Television and the American Graduate initiative for demonstrating a commitment to education and for their support of the students, parents, and families of Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. LAWRENCE S. FELDMAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-027 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing The American Graduate National Initiative.

**RESOLUTION NO. 12-027
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING THE AMERICAN GRADUATE NATIONAL INITIATIVE**

WHEREAS, American Graduate is a national initiative that helps local communities find solutions to address the high school dropout crisis in the United States; and

WHEREAS, WLRN Public Radio & Television was selected by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting to be the American Graduate public media hub station for Miami-Dade County and raise awareness of the dropout issue; and

WHEREAS, the American Graduate initiative supports the station's long-standing commitment to education and strengthens partnerships with Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS), local businesses and community organizations; and

WHEREAS, targeting the district's middle school population, WLRN will implement awareness strategies and activities to encourage students to stay in school and graduate; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends WLRN Public Radio & Television and the American Graduate initiative for demonstrating a commitment to education and for their support of the students, parents, and families of Miami-Dade County Public Schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-027 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing The American Graduate National Initiative.

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

Presented this fifteenth day of February, A.D. 2012

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary