

Mr. Renier Diaz de la Portilla, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA ENDORSE THE 2013 AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY RELAY FOR LIFE

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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

Cancer is an illness which does not discriminate. Unfortunately we all likely know someone who has been touched by this disease. The American Cancer Society is an organization which supports cancer research, provides support to those suffering from cancer and their families, and raises awareness of the importance of cancer prevention and screening.

One the American Cancer Society's signature events is Relay For Life, a life-changing event that helps communities across the globe celebrate those who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against the disease. The event takes place over 18 hours providing the light of day and dark of night to parallel the journey a cancer patient must take while undergoing treatment.

In as much as cancer touches us all and the American Cancer Society has a long history of supporting those with cancer as well as their families, the Relay for Life is an event that is surely worthy of our support and endorsement.

ACTION PROPOSED BY
MR. RENIER DIAZ DE LA PORTILLA: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida endorse the 2013 American Cancer Society Relay for Life.