

Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, Vice Chair

**SUBJECT:                   REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 12-056 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING APRIL 17, 2012 AS ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP SIGNING DAY IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**COMMITTEE:               INSTRUCTIONAL       EXCELLENCE       AND       COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

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

In 2010, the State of Florida enacted Academic Achievement Scholarship Signing Day by declaring the third Tuesday in April each year as "Academic Scholarship Signing Day." Section 1001.43 (14), Florida Statutes (F.S.) encourages school districts to recognize the importance of motivating students to attain academic achievement by promoting public recognition of seniors who sign a letter of intent to accept an academic scholarship. The Florida Statute encourages school districts to bestow the same level of recognition to its academic scholars as it does to its athletic scholars. On July 14, 2010, the Miami-Dade County School Board unanimously approved a board item supporting and encouraging the commitment of outstanding student scholars. High school seniors who sign a letter of intent to accept an academic scholarship offered to the student by a postsecondary educational institution shall be recognized for their outstanding academic achievement.

School counselors and College Assistance Program (CAP) advisors are uniquely positioned as the school professionals best able to take the lead in establishing a college-going culture and guiding students towards college readiness. They provide students planning, preparation, participation, and performance in a rigorous academic program that connects to their college and career aspirations. School counselors and CAP advisors give students and families clear guidance, strong support, and vital information and resources to reach their college and career goals.

The Miami-Dade County Public Schools Division of Student Services provides support and direction to schools and community organizations in conducting activities, including assemblies or other appropriate public events, in which students offered academic scholarships assemble and sign actual or ceremonial documents accepting those scholarships. These activities make academic success and recognition visible to students, parents, and community members. Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends student academic scholars for their dedication and commitment to academic excellence.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**DR. LAWRENCE S. FELDMAN:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-056 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing April 17, 2012 as Academic Scholarship Signing Day in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

**RESOLUTION NO. 12-056  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING APRIL 17, 2012 AS ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP SIGNING DAY IN  
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**WHEREAS**, in 2010, the State of Florida enacted Academic Achievement Scholarship Signing Day by declaring the third Tuesday in April each year as "Academic Scholarship Signing Day;" and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Statute encourages school districts to recognize the importance of motivating students to attain academic achievement by promoting public recognition of seniors who sign a letter of intent to accept an academic scholarship; and

**WHEREAS**, high school seniors who sign a letter of intent to accept an academic scholarship offered to the student by a postsecondary educational institution shall be recognized for their outstanding academic achievement; and

**WHEREAS**, school counselors and College Assistance Program (CAP) advisors provide students planning, preparation, participation, and performance and give students and families clear guidance, strong support, and vital information and resources to reach their college and career goals; and

**WHEREAS**, the Miami-Dade County Public Schools Division of Student Services provides support and direction to schools and community organizations in conducting activities, including assemblies or other appropriate public events, in which students offered academic scholarships assemble and sign actual or ceremonial documents accepting those scholarships. These activities make academic success and recognition visible to students, parents, and community members; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends student academic scholars for their dedication and commitment to academic excellence;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-056 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing April 17, 2012 as Academic Scholarship Signing Day in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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

**Presented this eighteenth day of April, A.D. 2012**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary