

Mr. Carlos L. Curbelo, Board Member

**SUBJECT:                   REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 12-068  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,  
FLORIDA RECOGNIZING THE SPANISH AMERICAN  
LEAGUE AGAINST DISCRIMINATION (SALAD)**

**COMMITTEE:               INSTRUCTIONAL   EXCELLENCE    AND   COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT**

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

Founded in 1974, the Spanish American League Against Discrimination (SALAD) is a non-profit organization that advocates for the advancement and recognition of the civic, educational, cultural, judicial, and governmental contributions of Hispanics and other minorities in our community. Over the past three decades, the organization has served as a pioneer on issues of equality and tolerance that have allowed the community to grow and prosper. Today, Miami is considered the gateway to Central and South America and attracts more than \$100 million in foreign investments each year.

As an advocate for the community and given the current economic condition of our county, the Spanish American League Against Discrimination's Foreclosure Defense program provides pro bono legal foreclosure defense assistance to hundreds of families. The organization had a record year in 2011, winning more cases than in any previous year. During the 2010-2011 grant year, the Spanish American League Against Discrimination had the highest success rate among all other grantees in their field in the South Florida region. The Spanish American League Against Discrimination's Board of Directors plans to focus on two main topics in 2012: fair immigration reform and voter registration.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends the Spanish American League Against Discrimination for its contributions and commitment to the South Florida community.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**MR. CARLOS L. CURBELO:**   That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-068 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Spanish American League Against Discrimination (SALAD).

**RESOLUTION NO. 12-068  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING  
THE SPANISH AMERICAN LEAGUE AGAINST DISCRIMINATION (SALAD)**

**WHEREAS**, founded in 1974, the Spanish American League Against Discrimination (SALAD) is a non-profit organization that advocates for the advancement and recognition of the civic, educational, cultural, judicial, and governmental contributions of Hispanics and other minorities in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, over the past three decades, the Spanish American League Against Discrimination has served as a pioneer on issues of equality and tolerance that have allowed the community to grow and prosper; and

**WHEREAS**, as an advocate for the community and given the current economic condition of our county, the Spanish American League Against Discrimination's Foreclosure Defense program provides pro bono legal foreclosure defense assistance to hundreds of families; and

**WHEREAS**, the Spanish American League Against Discrimination's Board of Directors plans to focus on two main topics in 2012: fair immigration reform and voter registration; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends the Spanish American League Against Discrimination for its contributions and commitment to the South Florida community;

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-068 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Spanish American League Against Discrimination (SALAD).

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