

Mr. Renier Diaz de la Portilla, Board Member

SUBJECT: SCHOOL BOARD ENDORSEMENT OF WLRN RADIO AND TELEVISION INTERNSHIP PROGRAM FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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

Internships provide our students with an excellent opportunity to experience real-world work environments while they are still in school, often unsure of what career they would like to pursue once they graduate. As a school district, we should strive to increase opportunities for our students in the workforce whenever possible. It is because of this that I am proposing that the district establish, and formalize, an internship program with our WLRN Radio and Television stations.

The program would be administered internally under the district's existing Honors and Executive Internship Program (HEIP). The HEIP has been in existence since 1958, providing real-life work experience opportunities for district juniors and seniors. Through this community-based internship program, students are paired with industry professionals to gain real-world experience and first-hand knowledge in their intended field of study. Students will be able to apply to this internship program from any high school throughout the district.

The Board's endorsement will serve to officially designate and welcome WLRN Radio and Television as formal partners in the district's longstanding internship program.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

MR. RENIER DIAZ DE LA PORTILLA: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorse the WLRN Radio and Television Internship Program for high school students in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.