

Ms. Raquel Regalado, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 12-101
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE MARJORY STONEMAN
DOUGLAS BISCAYNE NATURE CENTER FOR ITS
DEDICATION TO ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

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

The Marjory Stoneman Douglas Biscayne Nature Center has a long-standing reputation as a leader in environmental education and conservation. The not-for-profit organization was established to promote environmental education and encourage the community to actively participate in protecting the environment and wildlife. The center is a cooperative project with Miami-Dade County Public Schools and the Miami-Dade Parks and Recreation Department. The multifunctional center houses a visitor's and reception area, an audio visual presentation room, exhibits, lab classrooms and a gift shop.

The nature center offers educational programs for children. This summer, the center will offer the *Summer by the Sea Marine Science Day Camp* for children ages 7-13. Under the guidance of a lifeguard-certified marine biologist, the day camp allows children to experience kayaking and snorkeling alongside a fossil reef, and hands-on marine science exploration. Campers also dissect a squid and learn how to rescue a stranded dolphin or pelican. In addition, the center will hold *Michael's Magic Summer by the Sea Camp*, which hosts underprivileged inner-city children for a free two-week camp experience. Campers are immersed in nature as they learn to swim, kayak and perform scientific experiments.

The Marjory Stoneman Douglas Biscayne Nature Center is to be commended for its commitment to environmental education and conservation. The center's work has taught children and families the importance of protecting the environment and appreciating the beauty of nature.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

MS. RAQUEL REGALADO: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-101 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Biscayne Nature Center for its dedication to environmental education.

**Replacement
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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING THE MARJORY STONEMAN DOUGLAS BISCAYNE NATURE CENTER
FOR ITS DEDICATION TO ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION**

WHEREAS, The Marjory Stoneman Douglas Biscayne Nature Center has a long-standing reputation as a leader in environmental education and conservation; and

WHEREAS, the not-for-profit organization was established to promote environmental education and encourage the community to actively participate in protecting the environment and wildlife. The center is a cooperative project with Miami-Dade County Public Schools and the Miami-Dade Parks and Recreation Department; and

WHEREAS, the multifunctional center houses a visitor's and reception area, an audio visual presentation room, exhibits, lab classrooms and a gift shop; and

WHEREAS, the nature center offers educational programs for children. This summer, the center will offer the *Summer by the Sea Marine Science Day Camp* for children ages 7-13. Under the guidance of a lifeguard-certified marine biologist, the day camp allows children to experience kayaking and snorkeling alongside a fossil reef, and hands-on marine science exploration. Campers also dissect a squid and learn how to rescue a stranded dolphin or pelican; and

WHEREAS, in addition, the center will hold *Michael's Magic Summer by the Sea Camp*, which hosts underprivileged inner-city children for a free two-week camp experience. Campers are immersed in nature as they learn to swim, kayak and perform scientific experiments; and

WHEREAS, the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Biscayne Nature Center is to be commended for its commitment to environmental education and conservation. The center's work has taught children and families the importance of protecting the environment and appreciating the beauty of nature;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-101 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Biscayne Nature Center for its dedication to environmental education.

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

Presented this thirteenth day of June A.D. 2012

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary