

Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, Vice Chair

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 12-094 OF
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING WECARE OF SOUTH DADE, INC.**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

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

For more than 18 years, WeCare of South Dade, Inc., a coalition of service providers, business professionals, residents, teachers, and government officials, has actively advocated on behalf of the residents of southern Miami-Dade County. WeCare of South Dade, Inc. promotes and supports the well-being of the South Dade community by addressing its critical issues and concerns through the collaborative efforts of WeCare members.

WeCare began as a community-organizing model developed by public school and law enforcement leaders in the mid-1980s. Of the seven chapters initiated countywide, the Homestead/Florida City Chapter is the only one still active. It was designed to bring together representatives from local social service agencies in an effort to network and share information.

Today, WeCare has more than 100 active members, including social service providers, educators, businesses, ministers, and residents. Members represent every aspect of human service - health, education, emergency shelter and assistance, childhood development, entrepreneur training, domestic abuse, farm worker aid, elder care, and many more.

WeCare aims to engage broad sectors of the community to increase the availability and quality of services to the area; identify and advocate ways to improve/maintain equitability of services; promote communication between groups; and disseminate information that will benefit the community.

The coalition currently is working to identify, mobilize and coordinate resources in the community to provide primary prevention and early intervention services to strengthen families and communities, improve health outcomes and promote school success for children and youth, and promote safe and supportive communities.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY VICE CHAIR
DR. LAWRENCE S. FELDMAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-094 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing We Care of South Dade, Inc.