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**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 12-129 OF
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 15-19, 2012, AS
NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK**

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

LINK TO STRATEGIC

FRAMEWORK: STUDENT, PARENT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Department of Food and Nutrition and the Dade County School Food Service Association request that the Board adopt Resolution No. 12-129 proclaiming the week of October 15-19, 2012 as National School Lunch Week. National School Lunch Week is a special week made possible by the School Nutrition Association, when attention is focused on the benefits of school meals.

The primary goal of the Child Nutrition Program is to improve the health and nutritional status of students. This year's theme, "**School Lunch – What's Cooking?**" is about celebrating the positive changes that have been made in school lunch programs. During National School Lunch Week, schools can showcase their accomplishments and educate the community about the importance of healthy school lunches.

Studies have shown that students who consume nutritious meals have the greatest success in school. The Department of Food and Nutrition has expanded healthy eating options at school to ensure that students are eating healthy every day. Food Service Managers have been provided materials to involve principals, teachers, students, parents, and the community in planned nutrition-related activities during this special week.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, adopt Resolution No. 12-129 proclaiming the week of October 15-19, 2012, as National School Lunch Week.

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WHEREAS, for over 60 years, the National School Lunch Program has contributed to the health and educational development of Florida's children; and

WHEREAS, the National School Lunch Program promotes the consumption of high quality, nutritious, agricultural products from Florida; and

WHEREAS, recent studies indicate that students who eat lunch have improved mathematic grades and reading scores, increased attention, reduced absence and tardy rates and improved psycho-social behaviors; and

WHEREAS, a school lunch is often the only meal available to many children and, therefore, represents a vital part of the initiative to improve the education skills of young children and prepare them for life; and

WHEREAS, the Florida School Nutrition Association and the National School Nutrition Association collaborate with other organizations dedicated to the educational success of America's children by creating public awareness of the impact of hunger on a child's ability to learn.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution 12-129 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, proclaiming October 15-19, 2012 as National School Lunch Week, and encourages all school principals, teachers, and students to participate in the planned activities of this week.

Presented this 5th day of September, A.D. 2012.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Chair

ATTEST:

Secretary