

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Board Member

**SUBJECT:                   REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 12-158 OF THE  
SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING MIAMI NORTHWESTERN SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL'S  
BOLD PROGRAM**

**COMMITTEE:               INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

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

For the past two years Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) has taken a significant shift in the way we provide a quality education. M-DCPS has moved to focus on the classroom in order to directly impact the time our students spend learning and socializing in our facilities. This has created an environment of cooperation and creativity for teachers and staff in M-DCPS, and Miami Northwestern Senior High School's BOLD Program is a product of this new innovative environment.

BOLD is an acronym for Believe, Own, Learn, and Dream which are the principles that this program intends to instill in Miami Northwestern's student body. Believe represents the attitude it takes to overcome challenges in the face of adversity; Own represents the responsibility behind a student's actions; Learn represents the enthusiasm of knowledge that builds a more complete and successful person; and Dream represents the level of expectations that a student gives his or herself.

The program was created by Miami Northwestern's Dean of Culture, Avraham Emanuel who noticed that there was an excess of attention focused on student discipline rather than positive reinforcement. Mr. Emanuel's solution was to create a reward system that would recognize specific actions that mirror the four BOLD principles. Students receive points for attending tutoring sessions, for researching a college they would like to attend, and for finishing books by classic authors. The points are then used for raffle entries which offer a wide array of prizes that serve as motivators for students to continue their positive behavior.

The program kicked off September 10, 2012 at a school wide assembly that featured Miami Northwestern's nationally known marching band, world renowned motivational speaker Denard Mitchell, and former NBA All-Star Tim Hardaway. Since then teachers and staff have noticed the changes the BOLD Program has been able to affect.

The School Board of Miami-Dade County commends the teachers and staff of Miami Northwestern Senior High School for the creation and implementation of the BOLD Program which rewards the student body for their positive behavior.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS-MINDINGALL:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-158 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Miami Northwestern Senior High School's BOLD Program.

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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING MIAMI NORTHWESTERN SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL'S BOLD PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, Miami Northwestern Senior High School's BOLD Program is a product of an innovative environment of creativity permeating throughout Miami-Dade County Public Schools; and

**WHEREAS**, BOLD is an acronym for Believe, Own, Learn, and Dream which are the principles that this program intends to instill in Miami Northwestern's student body. Believe represents the attitude it takes to overcome challenges in the face of adversity; Own represents the responsibility behind a student's actions; Learn represents the enthusiasm of knowledge that builds a more complete and successful person; and Dream represents the level of expectations that a student gives his or herself; and

**WHEREAS**, The program was created by Miami Northwestern's Dean of Culture, Avraham Emanuel who noticed that there was an excess of attention focused on student discipline rather than positive reinforcement. Mr. Emanuel solution was to create a reward system that would recognize specific actions that mirror the four BOLD principles. Students receive points for attending tutoring sessions, for researching a college they would like to attend, and for finishing books by classic authors. The points are then used for raffle entries which offer a wide array of prizes that serve as motivators for students to continue their positive behavior; and

**WHEREAS**, The BOLD Program kicked September 10, 2012 at a school wide assembly that featured Miami Northwestern's nationally known marching band, world renowned motivational speaker Denard Mitchell, and former NBA All-Star Tim Hardaway. Since then teachers and staff have noticed the changes the BOLD Program has been able to affect; and

**WHEREAS**, The School Board of Miami-Dade County commends the teachers and staff of Miami Northwestern Senior High School for the creation and implementation of the BOLD Program which rewards the student body for their positive behavior;

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-158 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Miami Northwestern Senior High School's BOLD Program.

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

**Presented this tenth day of October, A.D. 2012**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary