

Ms. Raquel Regalado, Board Member

**SUBJECT:                   REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 12-167 OF THE  
SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING TAIPEI ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL OFFICE  
AND MIAMI CHINESE LANGUAGE SCHOOL**

**COMMITTEE:               INSTRUCTIONAL       EXCELLENCE       AND       COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT**

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

On December 1<sup>st</sup>, the Miami Chinese Language School celebrated 35 years of service to the South Florida community. The Miami Chinese Language School was established to offer classes to children and adults. The school consists of Chinese-American students and Chinese children who were adopted by American families who want to preserve their rich heritage. Other students of non-Chinese descent take classes to learn and appreciate the beauty of Chinese culture and language. The school offers courses so students can understand, speak, read and write Chinese to be used in their everyday life. In addition, the school offers cultural courses, Chinese folk dance, chess, Tai Chi, calligraphy and Chinese arts and crafts.

The non-profit school promotes Chinese language and culture in partnership with the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Miami (TECO). TECO Miami is one of 12 offices under the Washington-D.C.-based Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office (TECRO). TECO Miami was established more than 20 years ago under the Taiwan Relations Act of the United States to promote the educational, cultural, and economic relations between the U.S. and the Republic of China, Taiwan. TECO represents the interests of Florida, Puerto Rico, the Bahamas. It provides press, consular and overseas Chinese services.

The Miami Chinese Language School and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Miami are to be commended for preserving and promoting Chinese language and culture. Their work has enriched the lives of many and educated the community regarding the significant contributions that the Chinese have made to culture, history, language and education.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**MS. RAQUEL REGALADO:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-167 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office and the Miami Chinese Language School.

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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING THE TAIPEI ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL OFFICE AND THE  
MIAMI CHINESE LANGUAGE SCHOOL**

**WHEREAS**, on December 1<sup>st</sup>, the Miami Chinese Language School celebrated 35 years of service to the South Florida community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Miami Chinese Language School was established to offer classes to children and adults and consists of Chinese-American students and Chinese children who were adopted by American families who want to preserve their rich heritage. Other students of non-Chinese descent take classes to learn and appreciate the beauty of Chinese culture and language; and

**WHEREAS**, the school offers courses so students can understand, speak, read and write Chinese to be used in their everyday life. In addition, the school offers cultural courses, Chinese folk dance, chess, Tai Chi, calligraphy and Chinese arts and crafts; and

**WHEREAS**, the non-profit school promotes Chinese language and culture in partnership with the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Miami (TECO). TECO Miami is one of 12 offices under the Washington-D.C.-based Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office (TECRO); and

**WHEREAS**, TECO Miami was established more than 20 years ago under the Taiwan Relations Act of the United States to promote the educational, cultural, and economic relations between the U.S. and the Republic of China, Taiwan. TECO Miami represents the interests of Florida, Puerto Rico, the Bahamas. It provides press, consular and overseas Chinese services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Miami Chinese Language School and the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Miami are to be commended for preserving and promoting Chinese language and culture. Their work has enriched the lives of many and educated the community regarding the significant contributions that the Chinese have made to culture, history, language and education;

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-167 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office and the Miami Chinese Language School.

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

**Presented this fifth day of December A.D. 2012**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary