

Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 13-091 OF THE
SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
RECOGNIZING LEADERSHIP MIAMI TEAM RISE 305 AND THE
P.A.T.C.H.E.S. ORGANIZATION**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

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

In 2011, six Miami Dade College graduates who attended the Latino Leadership Initiative at Harvard College returned home determined to give back by empowering students at Miami Dade College. They created Rise 305, a community organization devoted to helping minority students become better prepared for college.

With the help and support Harvard faculty and staff, they conducted a two-day program, where 20 attendees engaged in team-building activities, learned networking skills, set goals and developed their personal narrative as a catalyst for social change. The mission of Rise 305 is to make its program self-sustaining so that the students become mentors and inspire the next group of talented students. Rise 305 recently has branched out to help other organizations in the community.

PATCHES, which stands for Pediatric Alternative Treatment, Care, Housing & Evaluation Services, Inc., is a licensed nursing center caring for medically complex children from birth to 21 years old. It was founded by three nurses who recognized a dire need in the community – the lack of adequate medical care for these suffering children. Thanks to PATCHES, infants and children are able to get out of the hospital sooner or leave the isolation of home care and spend the day in a safe, enriching environment where they can thrive physically, developmentally and socially. PATCHES also helps countless families by providing excellence in pediatric nursing and respiratory care, as well as occupational, speech, and physical therapy.

Rise 305 teamed up with PATCHES last November to help create a controlled multi-sensory environment room – called a Snoezelen Room – that can offer more effective therapies to children with brain and developmental disorders. With the help of donations and activities and fundraisers, the PATCHES center's new Snoezelen Room was unveiled in April.

Rise 305 and PATCHES are to be commended for their commitment, devotion and incredible service to the welfare of students and children in Miami-Dade County.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 13-091 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Leadership Miami Team Rise 305 and the PATCHES organization.

**Replacement
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**RESOLUTION NO. 13-091
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING LEADERSHIP TEAM MIAMI AND THE PATCHES ORGANIZATION**

WHEREAS, in 2011, six Miami Dade College graduates who attended the Latino Leadership Initiative at Harvard College returned home determined to give back by empowering students at Miami Dade College. They created Rise 305, a community organization devoted to helping minority students become better prepared for college; and

WHEREAS, with the help and support Harvard faculty and staff, they conducted a two-day program, where 20 attendees engaged in team-building activities, learned networking skills, set goals and developed their personal narrative as a catalyst for social change; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Rise 305 is to make its program self-sustaining so that the students become mentors and inspire the next group of talented students. Rise 305 recently has branched out to help other organizations in the community; and

WHEREAS, PATCHES, which stands for Pediatric Alternative Treatment, Care, Housing & Evaluation Services, Inc., is a licensed nursing center caring for medically complex children from birth to 21 years old founded by three nurses who recognized a dire need in the community; and

WHEREAS, Rise 305 teamed up with PATCHES last November to help create a controlled multi-sensory environment room – called a Snoezelen Room – so that they could offer more effective therapies to children with brain and developmental disorders. With the help of donations and activities and fundraisers, the PATCHES center's new Snoezelen Room was unveiled in April; and

WHEREAS, Rise 305 and PATCHES are to be commended for their commitment, devotion and incredible service to the welfare of students and children in Miami-Dade County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 13-091 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Leadership Miami Team Rise 305 and the PATCHES organization.

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

Presented this nineteenth day of June, A.D. 2013

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary