

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**

The Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce has many programs, and among the most successful is Leadership Miami, which partners with the South Florida Progress Foundation. One of the program's key purposes is to prepare the next generation of Miamians to address vital issues affecting Miami-Dade County and meet future challenges. The program's dynamic format stimulates animated and critical discussions among participants and guest speakers. Members form teams and take part in a volunteer service project to complete the program.

One team, Rise 305, chose to work with the Pediatric Alternative Treatment, Care, Housing & Evaluation Services, Inc. (P.A.T.C.H.E.S.), a licensed nursing center that cares for medically complex children from birth to 21 years old. P.A.T.C.H.E.S. provides excellence in pediatric nursing care, respiratory care, and occupational/speech/physical therapy care as well as a safe, enriching environment where children can thrive physically, intellectually and socially.

Team Rise 305's primary objective was to create a controlled multisensory environment room, also known as a Snoezelen Room, which can offer more effective therapies to children with brain and developmental disorders. Rise 305 held fundraisers, auctions, raffles, and sports events in the community and went over their \$50,000 goal. P.A.T.C.H.E.S. unveiled its new Snoezelen Room in April, and the surplus funds were used to purchase a van for children with special needs.

Team 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 P.A.T.C.H.E.S. organization.

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

**WHEREAS**, the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce has many programs, and among the most successful is Leadership Miami, which partners with the South Florida Progress Foundation; and

**WHEREAS**, one of the program's key purposes is to prepare the next generation of Miamians to address vital issues affecting Miami-Dade County and meet future challenges. Members form teams and take part in a volunteer service project to complete the program; and

**WHEREAS**, one team, Rise 305, chose to work with the Pediatric Alternative Treatment, Care, Housing & Evaluation Services, Inc. (P.A.T.C.H.E.S.), a licensed nursing center that cares for medically complex children from birth to 21 years old; and

**WHEREAS**, P.A.T.C.H.E.S. provides excellence in pediatric nursing care, respiratory care, and occupational/speech/physical therapy care as well as a safe, enriching environment where children can thrive physically, intellectually and socially; and

**WHEREAS**, Team Rise 305's primary objective was to create a controlled multisensory environment room, also known as a Snoezelen Room, which can offer more effective therapies to children with brain and developmental disorders; and

**WHEREAS**, Rise 305 held fundraisers, auctions, raffles, and sports events in the community and went over their \$50,000 goal. P.A.T.C.H.E.S. unveiled its new Snoezelen Room in April, and the surplus funds were used to purchase a van for children with special needs; and

**WHEREAS**, Team Rise 305 and P.A.T.C.H.E.S. 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 P.A.T.C.H.E.S. 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

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary

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