

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 13-122
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING STATE SENATOR DWIGHT
BULLARD FOR CHAMPIONING THE "IMAGINE SHETERRIA
ELLIOTT ACT," IN THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

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

Nearly one-third of all school-aged children are bullied each year, of which only 36% was reported. With the advent of mobile devices and online social networks bullying taken on a more complex form called "cyber-bullying." Cyber-bullying is when someone is tormented, threatened, harassed, humiliated, embarrassed or otherwise targeted by someone using the Internet, digital technology, or mobile devices.

Intrigued by the story of Sheterrria Elliott's experiences with cyber-bullying Senator Dwight Bullard introduced SB 626 titled the "Imagine Sheterrria Elliott Act" along with House sponsor Representative Reggie Fullwood. The bill's purpose was to simply equip teachers and administrators the power to protect students from online attacks. The bill passed with minuscule opposition.

The bill expands the scope of school district bullying policies to include computer-related bullying and related activities occurring outside of the school on technology that is not owned by the school district. School districts can now discipline students for cyber-bullying if it is determined to substantially interfere with or limit the victim's ability to participate and benefit from the services, activities, or opportunities offered by school; or substantially disrupts the education process.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends Senator Dwight Bullard for his work to improve safety and education on behalf of the students of Florida.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS-MINDINGALL: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 13-122, recognizing State Senator Dwight Bullard for championing the "Imagine Sheterrria Elliott Act" in the Florida Legislature.

**Replacement
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RESOLUTION NO. 13-122
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING STATE SENATOR DWIGHT BULLARD FOR CHAMPIONING THE
"IMAGINE SHETERRIA ELLIOTT ACT," IN THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE

WHEREAS, Nearly one-third of all school-aged children are bullied each year, of which only 36% was reported. With the advent of mobile devices and online social networks bullying taken on a more complex form called "cyber-bullying." Cyber-bullying is when someone is tormented, threatened, harassed, humiliated, embarrassed or otherwise targeted by someone using the Internet, digital technology, or mobile devices; and

WHEREAS, Intrigued by the story of Shetterria Elliott's experiences with cyber-bullying Senator Dwight Bullard introduced SB 626 titled the "Imagine Shetterria Elliot Act" along with House sponsor Representative Reggie Fullwood. The bill's purpose was to simply equip teachers and administrators the power to protect students from online attacks; and

WHEREAS, The bill expands the scope of school district bullying policies to include computer-related bullying and related activities occurring outside of the school on technology that is not owned by the school district; and

WHEREAS, School districts can now discipline students for cyber-bullying if it is determined to substantially interfere with or limit the victim's ability to participate and benefit from the services, activities, or opportunities offered by school; or substantially disrupts the education process; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends Senator Dwight Bullard for his work to improve safety and education on behalf of the students of Florida;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 13-122 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing State Senator Dwight Bullard for championing the "Imagine Shetterria Elliott Act," in the Florida Legislature.

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

Presented this third day of September, A.D. 2013

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary