

Dr. Wilbert "Tee" Holloway, Board Member

**SUBJECT: SCHOOL BOARD ENDORSEMENT OF SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> AS PATRIOT DAY IN ALL MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE LIVES THAT WERE LOST ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: EDUCATION**

Patriot Day is an annual observance on September 11<sup>th</sup> to remember those who were injured or died during the terrorist attacks in the United States.

On December 18, 2001, a bill was signed into law as a day to remember those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001. In 2009, President Barack Obama also signed the Edward M. Kennedy Service America Act which recognizes September 11<sup>th</sup> as a National Day of Service and Remembrance, calling upon Americans to make an enduring commitment to serve their community and our Nation.

On September 11, 2001, four planes were hijacked. The hijackers deliberately flew three of the planes into two important buildings, the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. and the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York. The fourth crashed into a field near Shanksville, Pennsylvania. The loss of life and damage that the hijacking caused formed the biggest act of terrorism ever on U.S. soil. Nearly 3,000 people died in the attacks and due to this horrific act, the economic impact was immense.

Each year under the direction of the President, the flag of the United States of America should be displayed on the homes of Americans, the White House and all United States government buildings worldwide. As a mark of respect to those who died on September 11, 2001, all flags should be flown at half-mast.

The Board's endorsement of September 11<sup>th</sup> as Patriot Day is to have all Miami-Dade County Public Schools to observe a moment of silence and to place all flags at half-mast on Patriot Day in honor of the individuals who lost their lives as a result of terrorist attacks against the United States.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**DR. WILBERT "TEE" HOLLOWAY:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorse September 11<sup>th</sup> as Patriot Day in all Miami-Dade County Public Schools in remembrance of the lives that were lost on September 11, 2001.

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