

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 14-050 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING MAY 14, 2014 AS "FATHERS IN EDUCATION DAY" AND MAY 12-16 AS "FATHERS IN ACTION AND ADVOCACY" WEEK THROUGHOUT MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: STUDENT, PARENT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Fatherhood Task Force of South Florida, Inc. began in May 2010 as a result of an unmet service in the community. There was a lack of programs that were focused on facilitating the involvement of fathers in children's lives, starting from pregnancy through adulthood. There were maternity programs and family programs, but little conscious effort to find ways to specifically increase fathers' involvement in their programs.

The Fatherhood Task Force of South Florida serves fathers, grandfathers, uncles and other significant male role models or mentors in a child's life. They serve agencies and communities interested in servicing fathers and their children. They partner with programs in Miami-Dade County, the University of Miami School of Education and with national sponsors, such as Alphabet Kids, a multi-cultural media series, to promote our fatherhood programs and a fatherhood initiative movement.

The Task Force assists agencies to start and market programs to fathers-to-be and fathers and to keep statistics about father and child involvement. It also develops and promotes programs, workshops and support groups for fathers, grandfathers, uncles and male mentor/role models related to the stages of parenthood.

To celebrate Fathers as Educators, State Senator Dwight Bullard and the Fatherhood Task Force have partnered to present a State Resolution designating May 14, 2014 as "Fathers in Education Day" and May 12-16, 2014 as "Fathers in Action & Advocacy Week." During that week, fathers will have the opportunity to be involved in a variety of ways to show their support for children's education and their communities.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS-MINDINGALL: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 14-050 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing May 14, 2014 As "Fathers In Education Day" and May 12-16 as "Fathers In Action and Advocacy" Week throughout Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING MAY 14, 2014 AS "FATHERS IN EDUCATION DAY" AND MAY 12-16 AS
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WHEREAS, the Fatherhood Task Force of South Florida, Inc. began in May 2010 as a result of an unmet service in the community; and

WHEREAS, there was a lack of programs that were focused on facilitating the involvement of fathers in children's lives starting from pregnancy through adulthood. There were maternity programs and family programs but little conscious effort to find ways to specifically increase fathers' involvement in their programs; and

WHEREAS, the Fatherhood Task Force of South Florida serves fathers, grandfathers, uncles and other significant male role models or mentors in a child's life; and

WHEREAS, they partner with programs in Miami-Dade County, the University of Miami School of Education and with national sponsors, such as Alphabet Kids, a multi-cultural media series, to promote our fatherhood programs and a fatherhood initiative movement; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force assists agencies to start and market programs to fathers-to-be and fathers and to keep statistics about father and child involvement. It also develops and promotes programs, workshops and support groups for fathers, grandfathers, uncles and male mentor/role models related to the stages of parenthood; and

WHEREAS, to celebrate Fathers as Educators, State Senator Dwight Bullard and the Fatherhood Task Force have partnered to present a State Resolution designating May 14, 2014 as "Fathers in Education Day" and May 12-16, 2014 as "Fathers in Action & Advocacy Week";

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 14-050 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing May 14, 2014 As "Fathers In Education Day" and May 12-16 as "Fathers In Action and Advocacy" Week throughout Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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

Presented this seventh day of May, A.D. 2014

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary