Office of School Board Members
Board Meeting of August 6, 2014

July 23, 2014

Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, Vice Chair

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 14-072 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING JAKE MCMASTER COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT MAC'S LIBRARY

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO STRATEGIC
FRAMEWORK: SCHOOL/DISTRICT LEADERSHIP

Jake McMaster has an outstanding reputation as a public servant in his community. Jake successfully turned his passion project into a long-lasting community program that will help the underserved children of Miami-Dade County for years to come. The Miami Palmetto Senior High School student initially collected books for migrant children by placing a drop-off box at the Village of Pinecrest Community Center over the holidays. The project became known as Mac's Library, which was affectionately named after his grandfather who always carried a paperback book.

News quickly spread and hundreds of books flooded in for the children. Jake received a surprising donation from Pinewood Acres School, which closed in May 2013 after 60 years of serving the community. The school's owners donated nearly 8,000 books to Mac's Library. With the help of his younger brother Reed and his classmates, Jake packed up the books so they could be taken to migrant children in the Everglades, Redlands and South Dade. After partnering with Miami-Dade County Public Schools Title I Administration, 10 books were given to each student during the 2014 Summer Session. In addition, Jake teamed up with a classmate to deliver 2,000 pounds of clothes.

Jake McMaster is a shining example to his peers and others of compassion, persistence and community service. His tireless work on behalf of migrant students impacts the lives of those he touches.

ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. LAWRENCE S. FELDMAN: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 14-072 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Jake McMaster community service project Mac's Library.

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RESOLUTION NO. 14-072
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING JAKE MCMASTER COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT MAC'S LIBRARY

WHEREAS, Jake McMaster has an outstanding reputation as a public servant in his community. Jake successfully turned his passion project into a long-lasting community program that will help the underserved children of Miami-Dade County for years to come; and

WHEREAS, the Miami Palmetto Senior High School student initially collected books for migrant children by placing a drop-off box at the Village of Pinecrest Community Center over the holidays. The project became known as Mac's Library, which was affectionately named after his grandfather who always carried a paperback book; and

WHEREAS, news quickly spread and hundreds of books flooded in for the children. Jake received a surprising donation from Pinewood Acres School, which closed in May 2013 after 60 years of serving the community. The school's owners donated nearly 8,000 books to Mac's Library; and

WHEREAS, with the help of his younger brother Reed and his classmates, Jake packed up the books so they could be taken to migrant children in the Everglades, Redlands and South Dade; and

WHEREAS, after partnering with Miami-Dade County Public Schools Title I Administration, 10 books were given to each student during the 2014 Summer Session. In addition, Jake teamed up with a classmate to deliver 2,000 pounds of clothes; and

WHEREAS, Jake McMaster is a shining example to his peers and others of compassion, persistence and community service. His tireless work on behalf of migrant students impacts the lives of those he touches;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 14-072 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Jake McMaster community service project Mac's Library.

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

Presented this sixth day of August, A.D. 2014

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary