

Ms. Raquel Regalado, Board Member

**SUBJECT: LAUREN'S KIDS RECYCLING PROGRAM**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT**

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

Lauren's Kids is making a difference in our community through the collection of recycled clothing. This recycling program, often referred to as "FUNraising Dollars", was launched over a year ago and has not just helped in keeping unwanted clothing and shoes out of landfills, but has also created thousands of jobs in the United States. } Revised

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Lauren's Kids would like to partner with Miami-Dade County Public Schools to give our school community the opportunity to help less fortunate people while raising money for our schools. The recycling approach is simple and free of any cost to our schools. Collection boxes or bins would be placed in visible areas in as many M-DCPS as possible where students, parents and school staff can place unwanted apparel and shoes, no matter what condition they are in. } Revised

Lauren's Kids envisions using the most modern technology in every of the recycling containers they utilize. This technology will allow to know when each container needs to be serviced and how many pounds each container collects daily, weekly, monthly and yearly. Each school could be provided with a report of the success of its recycling containers, so they can monitor how much they are contributing to recycling as well as how much they are money they are raising. } Revised

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Lauren's Kids believes that while not everyone can afford to donate money, most people have clothes and shoes they no longer want or need, making this recycling program a simple means by which they can contribute to charity and raise money for schools. This philosophy is also in line with this board's policy of finding fundraising alternatives for our schools that do not involve the sale of candy, donuts, pizza and other items that are in conflict with our wellness policies.

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This item does not appear on the published agenda. Good cause exists to vary from the published agenda because the opportunity to bring awareness to this recycling program, while it is still early in the school year, arose after publication.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
MS. RAQUEL REGALADO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, through the Superintendent, explore and if feasible implement a partnership with Lauren's Kids and affiliated entities to allow M-DCPS to participate in a district wide recycling program that will help disadvantaged communities while raising money for our schools.

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