

Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, Vice Chair

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 15-001 OF
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING TAKE STOCK IN CHILDREN**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
FRAMEWORK: SCHOOL/DISTRICT LEADERSHIP**

Take Stock in Children, Florida's premier scholarship and mentoring program, will be celebrating its 20th anniversary on January 2015 with National Mentoring Month.

Established in 1995, the nonprofit organization provides at-risk and low-income students extensive support, motivation and accountability to ensure they graduate from high school and pursue their postsecondary education goals. For the past 20 years, Take Stock in Children has served more than 24,000 students throughout Florida's 67 counties.

The organization has more than \$149 million in Florida Prepaid Foundation scholarship assets to ensure that their students can attend college. They collaborate with community leaders and business partners, as well as staff and key stakeholders to provide equal educational opportunities to all children despite their socio-economic status to break the cycle of poverty for Florida's children living in under those circumstances.

Students receive the support of a caring mentor, in-school support, college-readiness services, and a college tuition scholarship upon high school graduation. Take Stock in Children graduates 96 percent of its student scholars from high school and 87 percent of them go on to pursue a post-secondary education. This is well over the national average.

Take Stock in Children is to be commended for its commitment to developing confidence, pride, competence, hope and a sense of belonging among children.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY VICE CHAIR
DR. LAWRENCE S. FELDMAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 15-001 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Take Stock in Children.

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-001
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING TAKE STOCK IN CHILDREN**

WHEREAS, Take Stock in Children, Florida's premier scholarship and mentoring program, will be celebrating its 20th anniversary in 2015 starting January with National Mentoring Month; and

WHEREAS, established in 1995, the nonprofit organization Take Stock in Children provides at-risk and low-income students extensive support, motivation and accountability to ensure they graduate from high school and pursue their postsecondary education goals; and

WHEREAS, for the past 20 years, Take Stock in Children has served more than 24,000 students in 67 counties throughout Florida; and

WHEREAS, the organization has more than \$149 million in Florida Prepaid Foundation scholarship assets ensuring our students can attend college; and

WHEREAS, Take Stock in Children collaborates with community leaders and business partners, as well as staff and key stakeholders to provide equal educational opportunities to all children despite their socio-economic status to break the cycle of poverty for Florida's children living under those circumstances; and

WHEREAS, students receive the support of a caring mentor, in-school support, college-readiness services, and a college tuition scholarship upon high school graduation. Take Stock in Children graduates 96 percent of its student scholars from high school and 87 percent of them go on to pursue a post-secondary education; and

WHEREAS, Take Stock in Children is to be commended for its commitment to developing confidence, pride, competence, hope and a sense of belonging among children;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No.15-001 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Take Stock in Children.

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

Presented this fourteenth day of January, A.D. 2015

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary