

Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, Vice Chair

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 16-005 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH AND TAKE STOCK IN CHILDREN

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL SERVICES AND STUDENT AND SCHOOL SUPPORT

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: SAFE, HEALTHY AND SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

Take Stock in Children was established in 1995 as a non-profit organization to provide at-risk and low-income students with extensive support, motivation and accountability to ensure they graduate from high school and pursue their postsecondary education goals. This year, Florida's premier scholarship and mentoring program will celebrate its 21st anniversary during January 2016, which also is National Mentoring Month.

Take Stock in Children is active in more than 800 schools throughout Florida. Students are selected in their local communities by highly engaged committees that are comprised of education and civic leaders, as well as corporate sponsors. Take Stock in Children partners with community education foundations, community colleges and school districts throughout Florida to deliver program services to students.

Since its inception, Take Stock in Children has served more than 16,000 students throughout Florida's 67 counties. The organization has more than \$109 million in Florida Prepaid Foundation scholarship assets to ensure that their students can attend college. It has generated more than one million mentor volunteer hours and currently has more than 7,500 mentors.

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. 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 96 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. 16-005 of the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing National Mentoring Month and Take Stock In Children.

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-005
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH AND TAKE STOCK IN CHILDREN**

WHEREAS, Take Stock in Children was established in 1995 as a non-profit organization to provide at-risk and low-income students with extensive support, motivation and accountability to ensure they graduate from high school and pursue their postsecondary education goals; and

WHEREAS, this year, Florida's premier scholarship and mentoring program will celebrate its 21st anniversary during January 2016, which also is National Mentoring Month; and

WHEREAS, Take Stock in Children is active in more than 800 schools throughout Florida. Students are selected in their local communities by highly engaged committees that are comprised of education and civic leaders, as well as corporate sponsors. Take Stock in Children partners with community education foundations, community colleges and school districts throughout Florida to deliver program services to students; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, Take Stock in Children has served more than 16,000 students throughout Florida's 67 counties. The organization has more than \$109 million in Florida Prepaid Foundation scholarship assets to ensure that their students can attend college. It has generated more than one million mentor volunteer hours and currently has more than 7,500 mentors; 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.16-005 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing National Mentoring Month and Take Stock in Children.

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

Presented this thirteenth day of January, A.D. 2016

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary