

Dr. Lawrence Feldman, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 16-060 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT STUDENTS**

**COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

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The YMCA Youth in Government (YIG) program dates back to 1936 with the purpose of allowing students the opportunity to serve their schools and communities by taking part in a year-long government process. The Florida YIG was founded in 1957 and has played an integral role in state policy with delegates writing legislation regarding state issues. Students participate at two levels, Jr. YIG for 6-8 graders and the Sr. YIG for 9-12 graders. Participants eventually transition to the College in Government program. YIG chapters are school-based and affiliated with the local YMCA.

Every year the YIG programs culminate with Jr. and Sr. State Assemblies, in Haines City and Tallahassee, respectively and include a model government session. The YMCA of South Florida had 216 students in Miami-Dade and Broward Counties in YIG with 85 of those attending the State Assemblies. This year, participating Miami-Dade County Public Schools students represented Homestead Middle School and Homestead and Coral Reef senior high schools. In addition to the State Assembly, the senior program offers students the opportunity to participate in the Florida YIG Press Corps, Youth Advocate Program, Civic Mentor Program as well as the Youth Conference on National Affairs, Youth Governors Conference and National Judicial Competition.

The YMCA Youth in Government program students are to be commended for cultivating the skills to be a community leader and preparing for life as an engaged citizen. Their work in the program will make a positive impact in the communities in which they reside.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**  
**DR. LAWRENCE S. FELDMAN:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 16-060 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the YMCA Youth in Government students.

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-060  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING THE YMCA YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT STUDENTS**

**WHEREAS**, the YMCA Youth in Government (YIG) program dates back to 1936 with the purpose of allowing students the opportunity to serve their schools and communities by taking part in a year-long government process. The Florida YIG was founded in 1957 and has played an integral role in state policy with delegates writing legislation regarding state issues; and

**WHEREAS**, students participate at two levels, Jr. YIG for 6-8 graders and the Sr. YIG for 9-12 graders. Participants eventually transition to the College in Government program. YIG chapters are school-based and affiliated with the local YMCA; and

**WHEREAS**, every year the YIG programs culminate with Jr. and Sr. State Assemblies, in Haines City and Tallahassee, respectively and include a model government session. The YMCA of South Florida had 216 students in Miami-Dade and Broward Counties in YIG with 85 of those attending the State Assemblies; and

**WHEREAS**, this year, participating Miami-Dade County Public Schools students represented Homestead Middle School and Homestead and Coral Reef senior high schools. In addition to the State Assembly, the senior program offers students the opportunity to participate in the Florida YIG Press Corps, Youth Advocate Program, Civic Mentor Program as well as the Youth Conference on National Affairs, Youth Governors Conference and National Judicial Competition; and

**WHEREAS**, the YMCA Youth in Government program students are to be commended for cultivating the skills to be a community leader and preparing for life as an engaged citizen. Their work in the program will make a positive impact in the communities in which they reside;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 16-060 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the YMCA Youth in Government students.

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

**Presented this twenty-second day of June, A.D. 2016**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary