

Ms. Raquel Regalado, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 16-072 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, HONORING CITIZENS' CRIME WATCH OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, EVALUATION AND TECHNOLOGY

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

Citizens' Crime Watch is a nonprofit program committed to reducing crime countywide by helping people and law enforcement work together to keep our communities safe for everyone. Since its inception four decades ago, the organization teaches how to become the "Eyes and Ears" for local police departments by telephoning the police at the first hint of criminal activity.

Citizens' Crime Watch supports programs that educate neighborhoods of single-family homes, apartment complexes and gated communities, as well as business owners and senior citizens about crimes that include drugs, identity theft, personal safety, fraud, homeland security, and natural disasters. To date, more than 3,000 neighborhoods participate in the crime watch concept.

Of utmost importance to our school system is the organization's Youth Crime Watch (YCW). For the last 37 years, YCW has succeeded in curbing school crime by encouraging students to report criminal activity observed in and around school and bringing students, teachers, administrators and school resource officers together to create a strong bond of trust. Every year, the program organizes presentations, safety projects, club meetings, rallies, and contests at all of our District's schools to educate students about topics such as drug prevention, bullying/cyberbullying prevention, reporting crimes, personal safety, and gun safety.

In October, the Citizens' Crime Watch will host its 41st Annual Awards Ceremony to honor volunteers and police officers who have significantly contributed to crime reduction in our communities.

The School Board commends Citizens' Crime Watch for its long-standing dedication to ensuring the safety of our communities and all students of Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

MS. RAQUEL REGALADO:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida approve Resolution No. 16-072 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring Citizens' Crime Watch of Miami-Dade County.

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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
HONORING CITIZENS' CRIME WATCH OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Citizens' Crime Watch is a nonprofit program committed to reducing crime countywide by helping people and law enforcement work together to keep our communities safe for everyone. Since its inception four decades ago, the organization teaches how to become the "Eyes and Ears" for local police departments by telephoning the police at the first hint of criminal activity; and

WHEREAS, Citizens' Crime Watch supports programs that educate neighborhoods of single-family homes, apartment complexes and gated communities, as well as business owners and senior citizens about crimes including drugs, identity theft, personal safety, fraud, homeland security, natural disasters. To date, more than 3,000 neighborhoods participate in the crime watch concept; and

WHEREAS, for the last 37 years, Youth Crime Watch has succeeded in curbing school crime by encouraging students to report criminal activity observed in and around school and bringing students, teachers, administrators and school resource officers together to create a strong bond of trust; and

WHEREAS, every year, the program organizes presentations, safety projects, club meetings, rallies, and contests at all of our District's schools to educate students about topics such as drug prevention, bullying/cyberbullying prevention, reporting crimes, personal safety, and gun safety; and

WHEREAS, in October, the Citizens' Crime Watch will host its 41st Annual Awards Ceremony to honor volunteers and police officers who have significantly contributed to crime reduction in our communities; and

WHEREAS, the School Board commends Citizens' Crime Watch for its long-standing dedication to ensuring the safety of our communities and all students of Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 16-072 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring Citizens' Crime Watch of Miami-Dade County.

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

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

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary