

Dr. Steve Gallon III, Board Member

Co-Sponsors: Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Board Member
Ms. Maria Teresa Rojas, Board Member } Added

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 17-031 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS AND MARCH AS NATIONAL SOCIAL WORKERS MONTH

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL SERVICES AND STUDENT AND SCHOOL SUPPORT

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: INFORMED, ENGAGED AND EMPOWERED STAKEHOLDERS

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The primary mission of the School Social Work profession is to enhance well-being and help meet the basic needs of all students, especially the most vulnerable or at-risk. School Social Workers embody the theme of this year's National Social Work Month Theme, "Social Workers Stand Up!, and School Social Work Week on March 6-10, 2017, "Be The Change" by working with students, parents, schools, and local entities to improve and maintain a safe learning environment and empowering students to reach their academic and social/emotional potential.

School Social Workers are especially skilled in identifying and providing services to students who face serious challenges to school success, including poverty, disability, discrimination, abuse, addiction, bullying, loss of a loved one, and other barriers to learning. School Social Workers also advocate to ensure equal rights for all students, including females, African Americans, Latinos, people who are disabled, people who are LGBTQ and various ethnic, cultural and religious groups.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. STEVE GALLON III:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 17-031 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing School Social Workers and March as National Social Workers Month.

RESOLUTION NO. 17-031
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING
SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKERS AND MARCH AS NATIONAL SOCIAL WORKERS MONTH

WHEREAS, Social Workers stand up for millions of people every day. These include people who are experiencing devastating illnesses and mental health crises, our veterans, children, families and communities. Yet many people still misunderstand who social workers are and the invaluable contributions they bring to society; and

WHEREAS, the primary mission of the School Social Work profession is to enhance well-being and help meet the basic needs of all students, especially the most vulnerable or at-risk; and

WHEREAS, School Social Workers embody the theme of this year's National Social Work Month Theme, "Social Workers Stand Up! and School Social Work Week on March 6-10, 2017, "Be The Change" by working with students, parents, schools, and local entities to improve and maintain a safe learning environment and empowering students to reach their academic and social/emotional potential; and

WHEREAS, School Social Workers are especially skilled in identifying and providing services to students who face serious challenges to school success, including poverty, disability, discrimination, abuse, addiction, bullying, loss of a loved one, and other barriers to learning; and

WHEREAS, School Social Workers advocate to ensure equal rights for all students, including females, African Americans, Latinos, people who are disabled, people who are LGBTQ and various ethnic, cultural and religious groups.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 17-031 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing School Social Workers and March as National Social Workers Month.

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

Presented this fifteenth day of March, A.D. 2017

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary