

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Board Member

SUBJECT: SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION OF OUR STUDENTS THROUGH RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL, & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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Miami-Dade County Public Schools is home to some of the most talented and inspiring students in the world. Our students excel in all disciplines and extra-curricular activities. As a result, Board members regularly honor our students' hard work and dedication during the recognitions, resolutions, and proclamations segment of our Board meetings. While honoring our best and brightest students is a critical part of our mission, it is also essential that - during these presentations - we recognize these students for their accomplishments in a timely and efficient manner. As such, hearing the student presentations first will permit the subject students to return to their respective schools as expeditiously as possible and will reduce the amount of time that they are away from their school's learning environment.

This item is being presented for the Board's consideration to amend School Board policy to provide that whenever students are being recognized and honored during the resolutions and proclamations portion of our Board meetings, that these presentations take priority over other presentations. The amended policy should also permit that, due to extenuating circumstances, any Board member may request that their recognition, resolution, or proclamation item be taken ahead of other presentations.

This item has been reviewed and approved by the School Board Attorney's office as to form and legal sufficiency.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS-MINDINGALL: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida authorize the Superintendent to initiate rulemaking proceedings in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to amend relevant Board Policy, in the manner described herein, to present recognition, resolution, and proclamation items given to students, prior to any other honorary presentations during the 11:00 a.m. portion of the regular Board meetings.