

Ms. Maria Teresa Rojas, Chair

**SUBJECT: MIAMI-DADE SCHOOL BOARD ENDORSEMENT OF *NATIONAL FAMILY LITERACY DAY*, NOVEMBER, 1, 2023**

**COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL, & COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN: INFORMED, ENGAGED & EMPOWERED STAKEHOLDERS**

*National Family Literacy Day*, celebrated across the United States, focuses on special activities and events that showcase the importance of family literacy programs. First held in 1994, the annual event is officially celebrated on November 1<sup>st</sup>, but here is no reason whatsoever not to continue the celebration the entire month of November. *National Family Literacy Day* seeks to provide families the freedom to promote and enjoy the love for literacy in their homes.

Families often find themselves having to deal with financial and health worries, among other things, but this observance should give parents the opportunity to nurture meaningful and positive interactions with their children through literary activities. Furthermore, the ever-changing and evolving nature of technological advancement, and with mobile phones and laptops taking center stage in the modern world, families are finding it more challenging to find time for reading. Encouraging this practice for the love of reading in the younger generation is one of the best legacies to leave for them.

Family literacy is about family members enhancing and improving reading skills with activities they do together. Family literacy incorporates a variety of tools such as books with words, picture books, storytelling, reading software, dramatic plays, and many more. Components of good family literacy programs involve the entire family, with children of all ages, parents, siblings, grandparents, etc., regardless of each family member's reading ability and the language spoken at home. Research has shown that when families read together, learning happens, and unforgettable memories are made that will last a lifetime.

This celebration not only highlights the power and joys of reading, but it can improve creativity and widen one's perspective on life. Additionally, it aims to bring families even closer as they laugh and learn together.

This item has been reviewed and approved by the General Counsel's office as to form and legal sufficiency.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY CHAIR  
MS. MARIA TERESA ROJAS:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorse *National Family Literacy Day*, November 1, 2023, in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.