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SUBJECT: MIAMI-DADE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD COMMEMORATION OF THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2001, TERRORIST ATTACKS ON THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, INNOVATION, EVALUATION & TECHNOLOGY

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN: SAFE, HEALTHY, & SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

September 11, 2001, marks one of the most devastating days in American history. Twenty-four years later, many can still recall their own 9/11 experiences as if they happened yesterday.

On this solemn day, we remember the sacrifices of United States citizens and service members on an occasion forever etched into our hearts, minds, and souls. On September 11, 2001, terrorists murdered 2,997 people and injured more than 6,000 others in the worst terrorist attack in our nation's history. Twenty-four years later, we honor their memories and stand with the families and friends of those who perished in New York City; Arlington, Virginia; and Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

At 8:46 a.m. and 9:03 a.m. respectively, two hijacked Boeing 767 airplanes were flown, by terrorists, into the World Trade Center twin towers in New York City. Another hijacked aircraft, a Boeing 757, at 10:03 a.m., crashed into a field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, after passengers heroically overpowered the hijackers.

One of the hijacked planes crashed into the Pentagon, killing 189 people, including fifty-five military personnel and seventy civilians inside the Pentagon. Sixty-four people on the aircraft, including five children, died.

We remember 9/11 as a day of heroes. Countless men and women at both the Pentagon and World Trade Center, including local fire and police forces, military personnel, and civilian Defense Department employees, rushed toward the smoke and fire, ignoring their own safety, to rescue others.

The enduring power of the September 11 attacks is clear: An overwhelming number of Americans who are old enough to recall the day, remember where they were and what they were doing when they heard the news. Yet an ever-growing number of Americans have no personal memory of that day, either because they were too young or not yet born.

Therefore, it is important that, as a school district, we commemorate 9/11 to ensure that future generations understand the significance of this day, honor those who were lost, and recognize the enduring values of courage, unity, and resilience that emerged in its aftermath.

This item has been reviewed and approved by the Office of the General Counsel as to form and legal sufficiency.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. MONICA COLUCCI:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, commemorate the twenty-fourth anniversary of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the United States of America.