

Ms. Monica Colucci, Vice Chair

**SUBJECT: MIAMI-DADE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD COMMEMORATION OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY AND REMEMBRANCE 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, remains one of the most significant and tragic days in American history. Twenty-five years later, many Americans still remember where they were when they learned of the terrorist attacks that changed our nation forever.

On this solemn anniversary, we honor the memory of the 2,977 victims who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, and recognize the thousands who were injured. We also remember the extraordinary courage and sacrifice demonstrated by first responders, military personnel, law enforcement officers, emergency medical professionals, and countless civilians who risked, and, in many cases, gave their lives in service to others.

On the morning of September 11, 2001, four commercial airplanes were hijacked by terrorists. Two aircraft struck the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York City. A third aircraft crashed into the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia, resulting in the loss of 189 lives, including military personnel, civilian employees, and the passengers and crew aboard the aircraft. The fourth aircraft, United Airlines Flight 93, crashed near Shanksville, Pennsylvania, after passengers and crew courageously fought to regain control of the plane, preventing it from reaching its intended target.

The events of September 11 continue to shape our nation's history and serve as enduring reminders of the values of courage, service, compassion, resilience, and unity. While many adults vividly remember that day, today's K-12 students were born years after the attacks and have no personal memory of the events. Schools play a significant role in helping students understand the historical significance of September 11 in ways that are developmentally appropriate, respectful, and educational.

Accordingly, schools should be encouraged to observe September 11 through age appropriate instructional activities that promote civic understanding, historical literacy, and community service.

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-fifth anniversary and remembrance of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the United States of America.