

Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 18-023 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP SIGNING DAY

COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, INNOVATION, EVALUATION & TECHNOLOGY

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: RELEVANT, RIGOROUS AND INNOVATIVE ACADEMICS

In 2010, the State of Florida enacted Academic Achievement Scholarship Signing Day by declaring the third Tuesday in April each year as Academic Scholarship Signing Day. Section 1001.43 (14), Florida Statutes (F.S.) encourages school districts to recognize the importance of motivating students to attain academic achievement by promoting public recognition of seniors accepting academic scholarships. The Florida Statute encourages school districts to bestow the same level of recognition to its academic scholars as has, historically, been given to its athletic scholarship recipients. In this way, high school seniors signing a letter of intent to accept an academic scholarship from a postsecondary educational institution are to be recognized for their outstanding academic achievement. During the July 14, 2010 School Board Meeting, The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida unanimously approved Board Item H-8 supporting this initiative and further committing to the recognition of outstanding student scholars; every year since then, a District-wide ceremonial signing has been conducted during the resolution portion of the April School Board Meeting. Moreover, ceremonies and activities are planned at high schools throughout the District with the assistance of the Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) Division of Student Services.

In recognizing the achievements of our college-bound students, school counselors and College Assistance Program (CAP) advisors, who provide guidance for students towards college readiness, are also to be commended. They assist students as they plan for, prepare, and participate in the rigorous academic programs that connect to their college and career aspirations. Along with teachers and administrators, school counselors and CAP advisors give students and families clear guidance, strong support, and vital information and resources to reach their college and career goals.

The M-DCPS Division of Student Services is also recognized for their strong support and direction to schools and community organizations in conducting activities, including assemblies and other public events, where academic scholarship recipients gather to sign actual or ceremonial scholarship acceptance documents. These activities make academic success and recognition visible to their peers, parents, and community members help foster a college-going culture as part of postsecondary planning.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. LAWRENCE S. FELDMAN: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 18-023 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing April 17, 2018 as Academic Scholarship Signing Day in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

**RESOLUTION NO. 18-023
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING APRIL 17, 2018, AS ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP SIGNING DAY IN
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, in 2010, the State of Florida enacted Academic Achievement Scholarship Signing Day by declaring the third Tuesday in April each year as Academic Scholarship Signing Day; and

WHEREAS, Section 1001.43 (14), Florida Statutes (F.S.) encourages school districts to recognize the importance of motivating students to attain academic achievement by promoting public recognition of seniors accepting academic scholarships; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Statute encourages school districts to bestow the same level of recognition to its academic scholars as has, historically, been given to its athletic scholarship recipients. In this way, high school seniors signing a letter of intent to accept an academic scholarship from a postsecondary educational institution are to be recognized for their outstanding academic achievement; and

WHEREAS, school counselors and College Assistance Program (CAP) advisors assist students as they plan for, prepare, and participate in the rigorous academic programs that connect to their college and career aspirations. Along with teachers and administrators, school counselors and CAP advisors give students and families clear guidance, strong support, and vital information and resources to reach their college and career goals; and

WHEREAS, the M-DCPS Division of Student Services is also recognized for their strong support and direction to schools and community organizations in conducting activities, including assemblies and other public events, where academic scholarship recipients gather to sign actual or ceremonial scholarship acceptance documents. These activities make academic success and recognition visible to their peers, parents, and community members help foster a college-going culture as part of postsecondary planning.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 18-023 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing April 17, 2018 as Academic Scholarship Signing Day in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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

Presented this twenty-fifth day of April, A.D. 2018

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary