

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Board Member

**SUBJECT: SCHOOL BOARD ENDORSEMENT RECOGNIZING
NOVEMBER 2018 AS NATIONAL HUNGER AND HOMELESS
AWARENESS MONTH THROUGHOUT MIAMI-DADE
COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, INNOVATION, EVALUATION, &
TECHNOLOGY**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
BLUEPRINT: SAFE, HEALTHY & SUPPORTIVE LEARNING
ENVIRONMENT**

The week of November 10 - 18, 2018 is designated as National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week and is held each year the week before Thanksgiving. The face of homelessness is evolving and many of those identified as being homeless are now children. It should be our collective goal to provide meaningful assistance and awareness to those children and families who should not be forgotten.

According to the Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust, as of August 2018, there are 3,843 individuals identified as homeless within the county, 733 which are children under the age of 18. These children are either in an emergency shelter (temporary care) or transitional shelter (primary care).

Miami-Dade County Public Schools prides itself and rightfully so, regarding the work and partnerships to ensure children are not hungry. However, by promoting year-long awareness of hunger and homelessness, we hope to foster a community culture built on compassion and empathy, letting children know despite circumstances or obstacles, there is an informed community that cares.

We can make a difference and bring awareness to this issue and advocate for our homeless children and families in need and remind them they are not forgotten.

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

ACTION PROPOSED BY:

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That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorses and recognizes November 2018 as National Hunger and Homeless Awareness Month throughout Miami-Dade County Public Schools.