

Dr. Marta Pérez, Member

**SUBJECT: THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 01-26, RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 2001 AS CHARACTER EDUCATION KICK-OFF MONTH, WITH A SPECIFIC CORE VALUE HIGHLIGHTED DURING THAT MONTH AND EACH SUBSEQUENT MONTH, IN ALL MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Building students' ethical and moral character is necessary for an active, responsible citizenry in a democratic society. During the 1994-95 school year, a Miami-Dade County Public Schools task force identified a set of nine core values believed to be universally accepted by all segments of society. These core values and their accompanying descriptions were adopted by the Miami-Dade County School Board on July 26, 1995.

To foster the education of our students in these values, it is proposed that the School Board recognizing September 2001 as character education kick-off month, with a specific core value highlighted in our schools during that month and each subsequent month, as follows:

<i>September:</i>	Pursuit of Excellence Month (kick-off)
<i>October:</i>	Responsibility Month
<i>November:</i>	Citizenship Month
<i>December:</i>	Kindness Month
<i>January:</i>	Honesty Month
<i>February:</i>	Integrity Month
<i>March:</i>	Respect Month
<i>April:</i>	Cooperation Month
<i>May:</i>	Fairness Month
<i>June:</i>	Character Education Celebration Month (Review of nine core values)

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
DR. MARTA PÉREZ:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve resolution no. 01-26 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing September 2001 as character education kick-off month, with a specific core value highlighted during that month and each subsequent month, in all Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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