

Dr. Marta Pérez, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 12-147 OF
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
FLORIDA HONORING *FOCUS ON TOMORROW***

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
FRAMEWORK: STUDENT, PARENT, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Focus on Tomorrow, a non-profit organization, was established by a group of G. Holmes Braddock Senior High School alumni, who are media professionals, with the intention of restoring the school's television broadcasting program. The school lost its news program when it could no longer afford to upgrade the old technology.

Today's students attending the western Miami-Dade high school do not realize that several years ago, announcements, current events and school sport results were all televised.

The organizers, each of whom benefited from the program under the direction of instructor Karen Herzog, are now channeling their efforts toward restoring the journalism course that has professionally benefited so many Braddock graduates. The organization's philosophy is that every journalism student should learn in an environment that involves current events, promotes journalistic integrity and optimizes the use of modern technology.

Additionally, *Focus on Tomorrow* strives to create and improve programs that promote creativity at the high school level. The group is working on saving art programs in public schools.

Focus on Tomorrow should be commended for the work they are doing to help future generations of students at all Miami-Dade County public schools.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. MARTA PÉREZ: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-147 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring *Focus on Tomorrow*.

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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
HONORING *FOCUS ON TOMORROW***

WHEREAS, *Focus on Tomorrow*, a non-profit organization, was established by a group of G. Holmes Braddock Senior High School alumni, who are media professionals, with the intention of restoring the school's television broadcasting program. The school lost its news program when it could no longer afford to upgrade the old technology; and

WHEREAS, today's students attending the western Miami-Dade high school do not realize that several years ago, announcements, current events and school sport results were all televised; and

WHEREAS, the organizers, each of whom benefited from the program under the direction of instructor Karen Herzog, are now channeling their efforts toward restoring the journalism course that has professionally benefited so many Braddock graduates; and

WHEREAS, the organization's philosophy is that every journalism student should learn in an environment that involves current events, promotes journalistic integrity and optimizes the use of modern technology; and

WHEREAS, *Focus on Tomorrow* strives to create and improve programs that promote creativity at the high school level. The group is working on saving art programs in public schools; and

WHEREAS, *Focus on Tomorrow* should be commended for the work they are doing to help future generations of students at all Miami-Dade County public schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-147 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring *Focus on Tomorrow*.

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

Presented this tenth day of October, A.D. 2012

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary