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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students:

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) is committed to providing a safe teaching and learning environment for students, staff, and members of the community. Such an environment ensures that the rights of every person are known, respected, and protected. On January 16, 2008, the School Board approved a newly revised Code of Student Conduct (COSC). The revised COSC was developed with input from various stakeholders and identifies, recognizes, and rewards model student behavior within a framework of clearly established and enforceable rules and policies.

The revised COSC uses a holistic approach to promoting and maintaining a safe learning environment and includes active participation on the part of students, parents/guardians, and school staff. Additionally, it provides for corrective strategies based on the following beliefs:

- All students are valuable and can make worthy contributions to society.
- All students are responsible and accountable for their choices and decisions.
- In order to grow and thrive, individuals need caring relationships and a nurturing environment.
- High expectations lead to higher performances that empower individuals and strengthen society.
- Continuing learning is a lifelong process that is essential to a productive and enriched life.

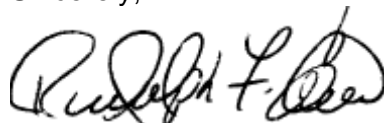
In an effort to recognize and promote positive behavior throughout the District, M-DCPS is proud to launch *SPOTsuccess*, a program that supports civic, moral and ethical values, encourages a positive and supportive school climate, and empowers each school community to recognize excellence in all areas. *SPOTsuccess* will allow all school personnel to recognize and reward students for model student behavior anytime and any place.

To see if your child has been recognized through the *SPOTsuccess* system, you will need to create a Parent Account, if one has not been created for you. For instructions, log on to M-DCPS Website at <http://www2.dadeschools.net/parents/parents.htm>, click on Parent Portal and follow the directions on the screen. You may contact your child's school for assistance.

Finally, I am requesting that all students and their parents/guardians review and become familiar with the information in the COSC. Knowledge of this document will aid students in developing the personal and social skills needed to succeed throughout life. In addition, when students understand what is expected of them, they are less likely to make a mistake; and when parent(s)/guardian(s) are informed about expectations by the school, they can more effectively guide their child(ren). Students and parents/guardians can access the English version of the document on the M-DCPS Website located at: <http://ehandbooks.dadeschools.net/policies/90/index.htm> or you may request a copy from your child's school. Spanish and Haitian/Creole versions of this document will be forthcoming.

Please sign the attached copy of the **Acknowledgment of Responsibility**, and return it to your child's school within five days upon receipt (Attachment B). We look forward to your continued involvement and support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rudolph F. Crew". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Rudolph" being the most prominent.

Rudolph F. Crew
Superintendent of Schools

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Attachments

cc: School Board Members
School Board Attorney

Acknowledgment of Responsibility

Each parent/guardian of a student and each student enrolled in Miami-Dade County Public Schools must sign and return this page to the student's school to acknowledge receipt of the Code of Student Conduct found on the M-DCPS Website at <http://ehandbooks.dadeschools.net/policies/90/index.htm>.

I acknowledge receipt of the Code of Student Conduct and I have read and discussed it with my child.

Parent's/Guardian's Signature

Date

I acknowledge receipt of the Code of Student Conduct and I have read and discussed it with my parent/guardian.

Student's Signature

Date

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THREE DAYS UPON RECEIPT OF THIS LETTER** 