To announce the Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust's "Ethical Governance Day" activities:

- The Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust and the School Board of Miami-Dade County Florida have each passed resolutions endorsing Ethical Governance Day on October 12, 2012. This event will put hundreds of volunteers into Miami-Dade Senior High School classrooms to speak on the importance of civic participation as an avenue to promoting more ethical government at all levels.

- This project is a non-partisan event intended to help improve the civic life of the greater Miami-Dade community.

- This date was chosen for its proximity to the upcoming Presidential election in November. This event will be a wonderful opportunity for students to speak to community leaders regarding the importance of ethics and ethical decision in daily life.

- Public officials, civic leaders, attorneys with significant civic involvement or government experience, and other community leaders will join in this community conversation by sharing their knowledge and insight with the next generation of voters.

- It is the goal of this initiative that all senior high school Government/Economics classes receive a guest speaker on this day.

- Senior High School Principals or their designee are asked to identify a teacher contact person to assist in organizing the logistics of this event.

- Attached to this briefing is an information sheet which will provide the Division of Social Sciences and the Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics with needed information to ensure that this event is meaningful and interesting for 12th grade students.

- Please provide this information on or before September 14, 2012 by sending the completed form via FAX to 305 995-1492.

- Please also send via FAX a copy of the school's Government/Economics teachers' master schedules so that the commission can assign speakers at the appropriate times. Please indicate clearly on the copies of the master schedules the school's name and the teachers' room numbers.

- Upon receipt of the form, the Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics will assign the requested number of speakers to each school and communicate with the teacher designee accordingly.

- The Division of Social Sciences, in collaboration with the Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics, will also provide teachers with lessons prior to the event that will assist in preparing students for the visitors.

- Also attached to this briefing, is an Ethical Governance Day Speaker Registration Form. If teachers or administrators know of community leaders who would be willing to register as a school speaker, please forward this registration form to them. Schools SHOULD NOT SECURE their own speakers. The speaker registration form must be submitted to the Miami Dade Ethics Commission as the instructions indicate on the form.

- Please also see the attached flyer provided by the Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics. We thank you for your support and interest in this worthwhile educational opportunity.

- Should you need additional information, or have questions, please email Robert Brazofsky, District Supervisor, Division of Social Sciences, rbrazofsky@dadeschools.net.