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Dear Teacher:

For the 26th consecutive year, the Miami Police Department is proud to sponsor the ***Do The Right Thing Program***. The program is designed to positively impact the youth of our area by publicly recognizing those who distinguish themselves through their behavior and/or accomplishments.

Each month, as many as 700 children from Miami-Dade County are nominated by police officers, the public and teachers such as you for the ***Do The Right Thing*** ***Award*** on the basis of their exemplary behavior and attitude. Ten monthly finalists are named and receive plaques and other prizes at a ceremony at the Miami Police Department with the Chief of Police. An overall monthly “Special Recognition” winner in middle or high school **receives a trip to Washington, D.C. with other *DTRT* winners.** An overall monthly “Special Recognition” winner in elementary school **receives a trip to Rapids Water Park with his/her family and other *DTRT* winners.** In order to reach as many children as possible and reinforce their positive behavior, **ALL STUDENTS NOMINATED** receive a certificate, a bumper sticker, a congratulatory letter from the City of Miami and Miami-Dade Schools chiefs of police, a free pizza from Papa John’s, and a ***Do The Right Thing*** T-shirt. All Top 10 monthly award winners receive plaques and other prizes. They are also featured on the ***DTRT*** website at [www.dotherightthinginc.org](http://www.dotherightthinginc.org)*.*

**STEP 1:** **You MUST use our online nomination process by logging onto our website, clicking on the “Nominate Today” button on the homepage and completing the form.**

**STEP 2: Make sure your *DTRT* Coordinator is aware of who you nominated and how many per month so they can keep track. PLEASE NOTE THAT EACH SCHOOL IS LIMITED TO 15 NOMINATIONS PER MONTH. ADDITIONALLY, NOMINATIONS MUST BE SPECIFIC AND A MINIMUM OF FOUR SENTENCES OR THEY WILL BE DECLINED.**

We will notify your school’s ***DTRT*** Coordinator by email if you have a Top 10 winner. The “Special Recognition” winners are announced at our monthly awards ceremonies at police headquarters. **Additionally, your school should receive the prizes for the remaining nominees by the 20th of the following month thru School Mail (PLEASE BE PATIENT AS THEY USUALLY TAKE ABOUT 2 WEEKS FOR DELIVERY). For example, October nominees will receive their prizes on or before November 20th.**

Thank you for your assistance in implementing the program and for helping your students continue to “do the right thing!”

Sincerely,

Jodi Atkison

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Do The Right Thing of Miami, Inc.



**A not-for-profit organization dedicated to recognizing and rewarding our youth**

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