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Dear Do The Right Thing Coordinator:

Welcome back for another year of doing the right thing! The Do The Right Thing Program (DTRT), sponsored by the Miami Police Department, is a free resource your school can use to recognize your students for their positive choices, both big and small. Especially in light of the increasing challenges students are facing today including bullying, suicide, mental health issues, peer pressure, and social media, it is of utmost importance to reinforce positive decision-making in our students to promote a safer school environment for all.

Each month, as many as 1,000 children from Miami-Dade County are nominated by teachers, counselors, parents, police officers, and the public for the Do The Right Thing Award on the basis of their exemplary behavior and attitude. Many of the students nominated to our program have turned in a gun found on campus, reported a threat they saw on social media, intervened when a fellow peer was in crisis, rendered life-saving aid, and deescalated a physical altercation, amongst other positive choices such as turnaround behavior, academic excellence, and displaying resilience and perseverance amidst serious challenges. These are just a few examples of what it means to do the right thing and we encourage you to use our program to encourage all forms of positive behavior observed in your students. Please know that we will always respect student privacy and confidentiality when dealing with sensitive information.

Below are helpful tips to make the most of our program at your school:

1. PROMOTE NOMINATIONS WITHIN YOUR SCHOOL

All materials needed to promote the program throughout your school are available on our website under the **Awards Program/School Information tab**. Please print, copy, or email and distribute flyers/info as necessary to all school personnel.

2. NOMINATE STUDENTS

Nominations are submitted online through our nomination form on our website. Nominations require a minimum of 4 sentences and each school is allowed a maximum of 15 nominations each month. Nominations are due by the 20th of each month unless otherwise noted. We will email reminders when the deadline approaches each month.

3. HONOR YOUR NOMINEES

When you receive your list of DTRT nominees and prizes each month, make each student feel special by recognizing them on social media (tag us! **@DTRTMiami**), morning announcements, a bulletin board, ceremony, newsletter, etc.

4. STAY CONNECTED

Follow **@DTRTMiami** on X, Instagram, and Facebook and check the **"Latest News"** and **"Coordinator Corner"** sections of our website for all updates.

If your school has a Top Winner, you will be notified by email. **Additionally, your school should receive the prizes for the remaining nominees by the 20th of the following month through school mail (please be patient as they usually take about 2 weeks for delivery).** For example, October nominees will receive their prizes by November 20th.

For questions please call 305-603-6957 or e-mail admin@dotherightthinginc.org.

Thank you for your efforts in helping us honor your students who are making a difference daily. Looking forward to a great year!

Sincerely,

Ariadna Espinosa

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