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**Program Name:** Combating the Rise of Antisemitism Today

**Program Goal:** To confront the rise of antisemitism and to assist in sustaining and promoting a more inclusive, empathetic, and welcoming community for all.

**Program Initial Objectives:**

1. To develop and deliver to schools in the City of Miami Beach professional development for teachers and school site administrators focused on the program goal.
2. To develop and deliver student programs focused on the program goal.
3. To evaluate the impact of the program once implemented for consideration of wider implementation outside of the City of Miami Beach.

**Proven History:** The University of Miami's (UM) Holocaust Education Teacher Institute and Miami-Dade County Public Schools' (M-DCPS), Division of Academics, Department of The Department of Social Sciences has been teaching about the Holocaust and providing professional development to teachers, inclusive of the topic of Antisemitism, for the past twenty-five years. As a result, M-DCPS' Department of Social Sciences and UM's Holocaust Education Teacher Institute is well-placed to implement and deliver the program described.

**Expert Partners:** As has been accomplished with UM's Holocaust Teacher Institute, M-DCPS' Department of Social Sciences will utilize partnerships with the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (USHMM), the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) and other local organizations, such as the Holocaust Memorial of Miami Beach, to ensure the approaches and content provided during teacher

professional development are the best-practices currently available in the field of Holocaust Education and combatting anti-Semitism.

**Program Vision:** If funded, M-DCPS' Department of Social Sciences, in partnership with the University of Miami Holocaust Education Teacher Institute will collaborate with the City of Miami Beach Commission and the commissioner submitting this proposal to develop a myriad of programs aimed at educating the Miami Beach community's students and staff and on the history of antisemitism, historical trends to assist in identifying antisemitism, and methods to combat its rise.

**Brief Funding Description:** Funds will be used to pay for program development, teacher stipends, student transportation for related events, supplies, and substitute teachers to be able to release teachers from their daily teaching duties to attend professional development.

Looking forward to helping develop a better world for our beloved community

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