

Dr. Robert B. Ingram, Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION BY THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, TO SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATE IN THE FIFTH ANNUAL NATIONAL AFRICAN AMERICAN PARENT INVOLVEMENT DAY (NAAPID), MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2000

**STRATEGIC PLANNING GOALS: VI - EFFECTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT
IX - COMMUNITY/HOME/PARENT/SCHOOL/
BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS**

National African American Parent Involvement Day (NAAPID) was founded by Michigan school principal, Dr. Joseph Dulin and ratified at the 23rd National Conference of the National Alliance of Black School Educators (NABSE) in 1995. Considering the serious achievement gap between minority and non-minority children, Dr. Dulin saw an urgent need to increase involvement of parents of African heritage students in their children's education.

Celebrated on the 2nd Monday in February each year, NAAPID was designed to create dialogue between the home, school, and community; provide a conducive learning environment in which children and parents can feel comfortable with educators and vice versa; and assist educators and other officials in being receptive to parental input and support. Monday, February 14, 2000, marks NAAPID's fifth year. From 1997 through 1999, there were approximately 12,000 parents/guardians and other relatives in Miami-Dade County, like many others across the country, who joined their children in schools on this special day. United States Congressman Alcee Hastings was so impressed by the success of this initiative in South Florida that he read it into the Congressional Record.

Local community partners participating in the implementation of NAAPID include: the Miami Coalition for NAAPID; Miami Section of the National Council of Negro Women; Miami Alliance of Black School Educators; Miami-Dade County Public Schools' PTA/PTSA, Multicultural Programs, Division of Social Sciences/Special Programs, and the district's African American History Advisory Committee, chaired by State Representative Frederica S. Wilson.

Recognizing that children do better in school when their parents are involved, it is requested that Miami-Dade County Public Schools support and participate in NAAPID, an initiative which encourages parental and community involvement in the education of our students.

ACTION PROPOSED

BY DR. ROBERT B. INGRAM:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

1. authorize support of and participation in the Fifth Annual National African American Parent Involvement Day (NAAPID), Monday, February 14, 2000, with local organizations; and
2. direct the Superintendent to encourage all schools to promote and participate in the National African American Parent Involvement Day (NAAPID) Monday, February 14, 2000.

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