

Dr. Robert B. Ingram, Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 00-14 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ENDORSING APRIL 11, 2000, AS STOP DAY - ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

During the 1994-95 school year, the United Teachers of Dade and Miami-Dade County Public Schools cosponsored STOP DAY. Through this effort, our students and staff dramatically proclaimed that violence and weapons would not be tolerated in our schools. Across the district, people came together to reflect upon the causes of violence and to devise ways to fight the problem.

The implementation of STOP DAY - ENOUGH IS ENOUGH has received wide publicity. People recognized that this was an innovative and promising approach to tackling the serious problem of juvenile violence. Presentations of M-DCPS' initiative were made to various organizations statewide by former School Board Member and STOP DAY founder, State Representative Frederica S. Wilson. Many groups endorsed the concept and requested that then Florida Commissioner of Education Frank T. Brogan pursue statewide implementation.

For the 2000 observance, a full minute of silence will be observed at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 11 by M-DCPS' students to reflect on the implications of violence in our schools and community.

STOP DAY is envisioned as a day to empower students to band together in a unified effort to rid their campuses of violence. This will be the sixth consecutive year of STOP DAY - ENOUGH IS ENOUGH and activities will include a student peace pledge, essay contest, periods of meditation, and other activities deemed appropriate by each school site.

This item does not appear on the published agenda. The good cause to vary from the agenda is that STOP DAY is scheduled one day prior to the Board's April meeting, and School Board support is necessary now to fully engage our students in this worthwhile endeavor.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. ROBERT B. INGRAM:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 00-14 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing April 11, 2000, as STOP DAY - ENOUGH IS ENOUGH.

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RESOLUTION NO. 00-14 OF THE
SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
ENDORING APRIL 11, 2000, AS STOP DAY - ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

WHEREAS, excellence in education is dependent upon safe, secure and peaceful school settings; and

WHEREAS, the safety and well-being of many students, teachers and staff are unnecessarily jeopardized by crime and violence, such as substance abuse, gangs, bullies, poor discipline, vandalism, and absenteeism in our schools; and

WHEREAS, given the opportunity, students can band together with all students in Florida in a unified effort to rid their campuses of violence; and

WHEREAS, The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, on April 11, 2000 approved Board Member Dr. Robert B. Ingram's request to implement the sixth consecutive STOP DAY - ENOUGH IS ENOUGH; and

WHEREAS, the observance of STOP DAY - ENOUGH IS ENOUGH will substantially promote efforts to provide all schools with positive and safe learning environments and encourage students to be more willing participants in curbing and reporting violent acts and behavior;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 00-14 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing April 11, 2000, as STOP DAY - ENOUGH IS ENOUGH.

A copy of this resolution is placed in the permanent records of this Board.

Presented this fifteenth day of March, A.D. 2000

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary