

Dr. Solomon C. Stinson, Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 00-21 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE MIAMI HEAT ACADEMY'S EXPANSION TO ADDITIONAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT**

Last year a Miami Heat Academy was established at Dunbar Elementary Community School as a result of the Miami Heat's wish to serve the community and the needs of public school students. This was possible through a public/private partnership of Miami-Dade County Public Schools educators, local and national business leaders, and Miami Heat athletes and coaches. The Heat Academy's purpose is clearly defined: to help provide students, particularly those at risk, with the opportunity for the best education possible.

With its mission firmly established, the first Heat Academy was launched with its innovative after-school care program, superior tailored academic support for struggling students, mentoring activities, and 12-1 student teacher ratio at Dunbar Elementary.

The program has proven to be a great success. For this reason, it is requested that the School Board adopt a resolution in support of expanding the Heat Academy to other elementary schools, at no cost to the district.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
DR. SOLOMON C. STINSON:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 00-21 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, supporting the Miami Heat Academy's expansion to additional elementary schools, at no cost to the district.

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RESOLUTION NO. 00-21  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
SUPPORTING THE MIAMI HEAT ACADEMY EXPANSION TO  
ADDITIONAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS IN THE DISTRICT

WHEREAS, last year a Miami Heat Academy was established at Dunbar Elementary Community School as a result of the Miami Heat's wish to serve the community and the needs of public school students; and

WHEREAS, the academy was established through a public/private partnership of Miami-Dade County Public Schools educators, local and national business leaders, and Miami Heat athletes and coaches to provide students, particularly those at risk, with the opportunity for the best education possible; and

WHEREAS, the Miami Heat Academy with its innovative after-school care program, superior tailored academic support for struggling students, mentoring activities, and 12-1 student teacher ratio has proven highly successful at Dunbar Elementary; and

WHEREAS, this same pilot project has helped improve attendance, increase student achievement, and decrease discipline problems at the school; and

WHEREAS, expanding the program in elementary schools throughout the district would help promote success among all children;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 00-21 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, supporting the Miami Heat Academy's expansion to additional elementary schools in the district.

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

Presented this twenty-first day of June, A.D. 2000

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary