

Office of School Board Members
Board Meeting of September 13, 2000

August 29, 2000

Mr. G. Holmes Braddock, Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 0030 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ENDORSING NOVEMBER 14, 2000, AS NATIONAL COMMUNITY EDUCATION DAY, "TURN ON THE LIGHTS 2000," TO BE CELEBRATED IN ALL MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Miami-Dade Coalition for Community Education requests The School Board's endorsement to designate November 14, 2000, as National Community Education Day, "Turn on the Lights 2000." Community Education promotes a sense of community, offers lifelong learning programs and experiences, advocates citizen involvement, maximizes the use of public school facilities, and contributes to incubating the ethic of excellence in public education.

The school has long been considered the "heart" of the community, each as valuable and diverse as the population it serves. The needs of the citizens of each community are addressed as each school dedicates its facilities to extend beyond the normal school day. This impacts the quality of life for all of the people in a community, from pre school age children to senior citizens. By endorsing this resolution, the Board will continue to exemplify the leadership in Community Education that Miami-Dade County Public Schools is noted for, and make the concept of lifelong learning a reality not only for Miami-Dade County, but for the rest of the United States.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 0030 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing November 14, 2000, as National Community Education Day, "Turn on the Lights 2000," to be celebrated in all Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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WHEREAS, in the past, Miami-Dade County Public Schools has supported the National Community Education Day and its ongoing effort to educate the Miami-Dade County communities about the importance of using public schools facilities beyond the normal work-day hours, and on weekends and holidays, to promote the betterment of the citizens through the concept that learning is lifelong; and

WHEREAS, it is important that the diverse population in these communities all benefit equally in regards to the individual uniqueness and needs of each community, from pre-school age children to senior citizens; and

WHEREAS, the intent of the Miami-Dade Coalition for Community Education is to encourage public schools to be officially designated Community Schools for promoting special programs and activities to celebrate the transformation into a Community School, "a place and a space" for all who want a better quality of living, through lifelong learning; and

WHEREAS, this year, the spirit of National Community Education Day, will be promoted through the efforts of the Miami-Dade Coalition for Community Education:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida approve Resolution 00-30 of the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing November 14, 2000, as National Community Education Day, "Turn on the Lights 2000," to be celebrated in all of Miami-Dade County public schools.

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

Presented this thirteenth day of September, A.D. 2000

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary