

Ms. Betsy H. Kaplan, Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 00-44 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING FRANK C. MARTIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AS THE FIRST FULLY-AUTHORIZED INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE PRIMARY YEARS PROGRAMME (SIC) IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA, AND THE FOURTH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

The purpose of this agenda item is to request that The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 00-44 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Frank C. Martin Elementary School as the first fully-authorized International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme (sic) (PYP) in the State of Florida, and the fourth in the United States of America.

On June 28, 2000, Frank C. Martin Elementary School was notified by the International Baccalaureate Organisation (sic) (IBO), Geneva, Switzerland, that it had been selected for this prestigious distinction. Frank C. Martin Elementary School earned this highly sought after designation through the cooperative efforts of its teachers, parents, students, administrators, and the community. As the first fully-authorized IBO program, Frank C. Martin Elementary School joins the district's three fully-authorized IB programs at Coral Gables, Coral Reef, and North Miami senior high schools.

The PYP, with its international framework, was designed for children between three and twelve years of age. The focus of the program is on the total growth and well-being of the developing child, and his or her social, physical, emotional, cultural, and academic needs and well-being. The PYP is a comprehensive program that utilizes an inquiry-based approach to teaching and learning. As such, it will complement the existing array of IBO-authorized programs in the district.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
MS. BETSY H. KAPLAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 00-44 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Frank C. Martin Elementary School as the first fully-authorized International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme (sic) in the State of Florida, and the fourth in the United States of America.

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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING FRANK C. MARTIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
AS THE FIRST FULLY-AUTHORIZED INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE  
PRIMARY YEARS PROGRAMME (SIC) IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA,  
AND THE FOURTH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**WHEREAS**, at Frank C. Martin Elementary School, powerful ideas that have relevance within and across the disciplines are explored by students in order to develop understanding; and

**WHEREAS**, students at Frank C. Martin Elementary School, are taught the skills and knowledge they will need to succeed in a changing, challenging world; and

**WHEREAS**, the school's entire staff strives to instill in its students a respect for fundamental values, "a love of learning," a concern for the environment, and a concern for the community's members; and

**WHEREAS**, the Frank C. Martin Elementary School family continues to demonstrate a serious commitment to responsible behavior through positive action and service.

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 00-44 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Frank C. Martin Elementary School as the first fully-authorized International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme (sic) in the State of Florida, and the fourth in the United States of America.

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

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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Chair

ATTEST:

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Secretary