

January 16, 2001

Dr. Robert B. Ingram, Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 01-01 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE SIXTH ANNUAL NATIONAL AFRICAN AMERICAN PARENT INVOLVEMENT DAY (NAAPID), MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2001] revised

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 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 12, 2001, marks NAAPID's sixth year. From 1995 through 2000, there were approximately 18,000 parents, guardians, and other relatives in Miami-Dade County, like their counterparts 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 Miami Coalition for NAAPID; Miami Section of the National Council of Negro Women; Miami Alliance of Black School Educators; and Miami-Dade County Public Schools' PTA/ PTSA, Multicultural Programs and Division of Social Sciences / Special Programs, plus 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, approve Resolution No. 01-01 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the sixth annual National African American Parent Involvement Day (NAAPID), Monday, February 12, 2001.] revised

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SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
RECOGNIZING THE SIXTH ANNUAL NATIONAL AFRICAN AMERICAN
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WHEREAS, since its inception in 1995, National African American Parent Involvement Day (NAAPID), founded by Michigan school principal Dr. Joseph Dulin and ratified by the National Alliance of Black School Educators (NABSE), has been a resounding success throughout our great country; and

WHEREAS, parent involvement in a child's education is one of the most significant factors in a child's success at school; and

WHEREAS, it is critical that we encourage parent involvement to help our students achieve to their maximum ability; and

WHEREAS, parent involvement can help close the serious achievement gap between minority and non-minority students; and

WHEREAS, NAAPID was designed to strengthen home, school and community communication; and

WHEREAS, NAAPID helps create a receptive climate for parent input,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 01-01 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing National African American Parent Involvement Day (NAAPID), Monday, February 12, 2001.] revised

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

Presented this seventeenth day of January, A.D. 2001

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary