

Dr. Robert B. Ingram, Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 01-13 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ACKNOWLEDGING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE ANNUAL PROUD PEACE AWARDS AS WELL AS THE IMPORTANCE AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROUD PROGRAM IN REDUCING VIOLENCE

PROUD, an acronym which stands for Peacefully Resolving Our Unsettled Differences, is Miami-Dade County Public Schools' conflict resolution/peer mediation project. The goals of this important project include: establishing a peaceful school culture and environment, empowering students with skills for conflict resolution, teaching effective communications and problem solving skills, minimizing time taken from content instruction for student behavior and problems, eliminating violence and managing anger and reducing aggressive behavior. Program participants acquire a basic understanding of conflict and develop skills for peaceful resolution of it, build self-esteem, improve communication skills and ultimately learn to recognize and respect the differences and similarities of others.

To honor outstanding achievers in peaceful conflict resolution, PROUD, in conjunction with the district's Advisory Committee on Multicultural Programs, sponsors the annual PROUD Peace Awards and ceremony. At the ceremony winners of the PROUD Peace School, PROUD Sponsor and PROUD Peacemaker/Peer Mediator awards are honored. PROUD and its annual awards program offer great hope for our students to work out their conflicts peacefully and live in a nonviolent society. PROUD warrants Board and community support.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 01-13 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, acknowledging the significance of the annual PROUD Peace Awards as well as the importance and effectiveness of the PROUD Program in reducing violence.

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WHEREAS, PROUD, an acronym for Peacefully Resolving Our Unsettled Differences, is Miami-Dade County Public Schools' effective conflict resolution/peer mediation project; and

WHEREAS, PROUD strives to establish peaceful school environments and to empower students with communications and problem solving skills for peaceful conflict resolution; and

WHEREAS, PROUD participants build self esteem and learn to recognize and respect the differences and similarities of others; and

WHEREAS, PROUD and the school district's Advisory Committee on Multicultural Programs, sponsors of the annual Proud Peace Awards, are to be commended for instilling hope in our children and our county for a safer, nonviolent community; and

WHEREAS, PROUD Peace Awards are presented to the school, sponsor and peer mediator who exemplify the concepts and practices of peaceful conflict resolution; and

WHEREAS, PROUD is to be congratulated by this Board for its exceptional and hopeful project,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 01-13 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, acknowledging the significance of the annual PROUD Peace Awards as well as the importance and effectiveness of the PROUD Program in reducing violence.

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

Presented this fourteenth day of March, A.D. 2001

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary