

Roger C. Cuevas, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 01-40 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ENDORSING NOVEMBER 13, 2001, AS NATIONAL COMMUNITY EDUCATION DAY WITH THE THEME "COMMUNITY EDUCATION: A BEACON FOR ALL AGES"

The Miami-Dade Coalition for Community Education requests the School Board's endorsement to designate November 13, 2001, as National Community Education Day. The purpose of this event is to educate the community that learning is lifelong and to renew the school system's dedication to turning Miami-Dade County's public schools into Community Learning Centers.

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 will be addressed when each school dedicates its facilities to extend beyond the normal workday and to be available on weekends and holidays. This will impact the quality of life for all of the people in a community, from pre-schoolers to senior citizens. By endorsing this resolution, the Board will continue to exemplify the leadership in community education for which Miami-Dade is noted, and make the concept of lifelong learning a reality not only for Miami-Dade County, but the rest of the United States.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 01-40 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing November 13, 2001, as National Community Education Day to be celebrated in all of Miami-Dade County's public schools.

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RESOLUTION NO.01-40 OF THE
SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
ENDORING NOVEMBER 13, 2001, AS
NATIONAL COMMUNITY EDUCATION DAY, WITH THE THEME:
"COMMUNITY EDUCATION: A BEACON FOR ALL AGES"
TO BE CELEBRATED
IN ALL OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, commitment to lifelong learning experiences for all community members, regardless of age, is a premise of community education; and

WHEREAS, community education is a school and community partnership that fosters lifelong learning experiences for every member of the community, from early childhood to the elderly; and

WHEREAS, the community school – open evenings, weekends, and during the summer – is a focal point for community activities and services; and

WHEREAS, the community school positively affects the quality of life for all community members; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Miami-Dade County are committed to meeting the educational, health, social services, cultural, recreational, and involvement needs of all members of the community; and

WHEREAS, the theme of National Community Education Day in 2001 is "Community Education: A Beacon For All Ages;"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida approve Resolution No. 01-40 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing November 13, 2001, as NATIONAL COMMUNITY EDUCATION DAY, "COMMUNITY EDUCATION: A BEACON OF LIGHT FOR ALL AGES," to be celebrated in all of Miami-Dade County's public schools.

We call on our citizens to observe COMMUNITY EDUCATION DAY by supporting the creation or expansion of community schools, places where all members of the community can gather to learn, to have fun, to become involved, and to receive services. A copy of this resolution is placed in the permanent records of this Board.

Presented this
24th day of October, A.D. 2001

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Chair

ATTEST:

Secretary