

October 10, 2001

Ms. Betsy H. Kaplan, Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 01-43 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ENDORSING NOVEMBER 11-17, 2001, AS AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK, TO BE OBSERVED IN ALL OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS

To make our schools the best they can be requires a commitment from every member of the community, from its retired members to its young adults, from its business leaders to its School Board members, from its parents to its children. For that reason, there is no better time to strengthen our effort to engage the community in education than during American Education Week, November 11-17, 2001.

During this designated week, school districts throughout the nation will make an extra effort to increase public understanding and appreciation of the nation's schools, to encourage parents and non-parents to visit schools and to build civic and community pride as well as support for education.

Therefore, it is appropriate that Miami-Dade County Public Schools join other school districts throughout our country, the United States Department of Education and 12 national organizations in celebrating American Education Week.

The theme for this year's celebration is Together: Making Public Schools Great for Every Child. With that in mind, a proactive approach should be taken in all of our schools not only to celebrate our accomplishments, but to involve the public more directly in public education.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida approve Resolution No. 01-43 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing November 11-17, 2001, as American Education Week to be observed in all of Miami-Dade County's public schools.

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RESOLUTION NO. 01-43
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
ENDORING NOVEMBER 11-17, 2001
AS AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

WHEREAS, public schools remain the backbone of our democracy, providing students with the tools they'll need to maintain our nation's freedom, civility and equality; and

WHEREAS, equipping students with both practical skills and broader intellectual abilities, schools give them hope for and access to a productive future; and

WHEREAS, public schools bring together adults and children, educators and volunteers, business leaders and elected officials in a common enterprise—education; and

WHEREAS, proactive celebrations of education accomplishments should be encouraged; and

WHEREAS, the goal of American Education Week is to increase public understanding and appreciation of the nation's schools, to encourage parents and non-parents to visit schools and to build civic and community pride as well as support for education;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 01-43 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing November 11-17, 2001, as American Education Week, to be celebrated in all of Miami-Dade County's public schools.

Presented this twenty-fourth day of October, A.D. 2001

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary