

Office of School Board Members
Board Meeting of February 13, 2002

February 12, 2002

Betsy H. Kaplan, Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 02-08 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ENDORSING MARCH AS "MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH" TO BE CELEBRATED IN ALL OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Involvement with music, from performance to appreciation, provides valuable experience that broadens students' understanding, perception and aesthetic sense of the world around them. Additionally, it plays an important part in intellectual development.

Studies show that music enhances linguistic skills as well as strengthens academic performance; students taking courses in it score higher on both the verbal and the math sections of the Stanford Achievement Test. Research also shows that music students receive more academic awards and honors than non-music students.

For hundred of years, music has played a significant role in education, and it surrounds life in our present day culture. It is also one of our greatest economic exports.

A "universal language," music is an important part of Miami-Dade County Public Schools' curriculum. This helps ensure that one graduates as a well-rounded individual. Therefore, it is appropriate that the Board approve the recommended resolution endorsing March as "Music in Our Schools Month."

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 02-08 of the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing March as "Music in Our Schools Month" to be celebrated in all of Miami-Dade County's public schools.

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REPLACEMENT
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RESOLUTION NO. 02-08
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
ENDORISING MARCH AS "MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH" TO BE CELEBRATED
IN ALL OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, March has been designated as national "Music In Our Schools Month" and has been endorsed by the National School Boards Association; and

WHEREAS, the year 2002 marks the twenty-eighth national observance of the Music In Our Schools Program and the eighteenth anniversary of its expansion from a one-week to a month-long celebration; and

WHEREAS, during observance of "Music In Our Schools Month," the processes and results of music education can be seen and heard in classrooms, concert halls, civic buildings, clubs, parks, libraries and shopping malls throughout the nation; and

WHEREAS, its observance will provide an opportunity to support the purposes and practices of music education; and

WHEREAS, it is intended through this resolution to encourage teachers, parents, students and all of the people of our community to participate in the observance of "Music in Our Schools Month."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 02-08 of the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing March as "Music in Our Schools Month" to be celebrated in all of Miami-Dade County's public schools.

Presented this thirteenth day of February A.D. 2002

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary