

Ms. Betsy H. Kaplan, Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 02-28 OF THE
SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING MR. EARNEST PERKINS FOR HIS MANY YEARS
OF SERVICE TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Mr. Earnest Perkins joined our school district as an assistant football coach at Miami Edison Senior High School in 1980 and soon became its head football coach, served as a health education instructor and head football coach at Coral Reef Senior High School for several years and currently is head football coach at North Miami Senior High School. Mr. Perkins has received national recognition for sticking to a regimen that helps produce gentlemen and scholars as well as running backs and offensive linemen.

Believing that earning an A is more important than making a touchdown, study hall is mandatory for his football players who also are required to wear a shirt and tie and to carry a briefcase every Monday. Last year 12 out of 17 of his players who graduated went to college.

Bringing in etiquette teachers, SAT tutors and college recruiters is all part of his effort to turn his players into well-educated, well-mannered teenagers. Mr. Perkins is deserving of being recognized by the Board for his outstanding effort to help ensure that football players are not only good athletes, but achievers and well-rounded young men as well.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 02-28 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Mr. Earnest Perkins for his many years of service to Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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WHEREAS, Mr. Earnest Perkins, former head football coach at Miami Edison and Coral Reef senior high schools and current head football coach at North Miami Senior High School, believes strongly in the development of well-rounded, well-mannered and well-educated football players; and

WHEREAS, throughout his coaching career, Mr. Perkins has instilled in his players that earning an A is more important than making a touchdown; and

WHEREAS, study hall is part of a mandatory regimen for his players as is wearing a shirt and tie and carrying a briefcase every Monday; and

WHEREAS, Coach Perkins firmly believes that producing gentlemen and scholars is as important as producing running backs and offensive linemen; and

WHEREAS, toward that end, he brings in etiquette teachers, SAT tutors and college recruiters to help ensure his players become the best that they can be;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 02-28 of the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Mr. Earnest Perkins for his many years of service to Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

Presented this Twenty-First day of August A.D. 2002

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary