

Merrett R. Stierheim, Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 02-38 OF
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
FLORIDA, IN SUPPORT OF AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK,
NOVEMBER 17-23, 2002, TO BE CELEBRATED IN ALL OF
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL SERVICES, MEDIA COMMUNICATIONS AND
MARKETING**

Because today's students are tomorrow's leaders, the ones who will shape the quality of life in our community in the future, no one is more committed to helping them achieve than the Miami-Dade County Public Schools' family. However, education requires an equal commitment from all members of the community— from parents and teachers to business leaders and retired citizens.

Therefore, it would benefit the district to increase public understanding and appreciation of its schools, to encourage parents and community members to visit their schools and to build civic pride in and support for education. Participating in the celebration of American Education Week, November 17-23, 2002, presents an opportune time to help accomplish these objectives.

The theme for this year's celebration, "Making Public Schools Great for Every Child," reflects the cooperation and hardwork of school district families and others throughout the nation, who are associated and involved with education and helping students achieve.

Therefore, it is fitting that the School Board support American Education Week and encourage its celebration in all of our schools.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 02-38 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, in support of American Education Week, November 17-23, 2002, to be observed in all of Miami-Dade County's public schools.

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WHEREAS, throughout American history public schools have been the backbone of our democracy, have helped strengthen our communities and have broadened opportunities for all people by providing them with an education; and

WHEREAS, education is a key element to maintaining our nation's precious values of freedom, civility and equality; and

WHEREAS, when individuals of all ages are equipped with both practical skills and broader intellectual abilities, they are provided with hope for, and access to, a productive future; and

WHEREAS, schools that bring together adults and children, educators and volunteers, business leaders and elected officials for the common purpose of education are noble institutions; and

WHEREAS, the collaboration and hardwork of all those involved with our schools should be celebrated for they demonstrate the will of professional educators as well as the healthy involvement of community members to insure all individuals have the opportunity to avail themselves of a quality education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 02-38 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, in support of American Education Week, November 17-23, to be celebrated in all of Miami-Dade County's public schools.

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

Presented this twenty-third day of October, A.D. 2002

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary