

Dr. Robert B. Ingram, Vice Chair

SUBJECT: REQUEST THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, INC., DIRECT THE SUPERINTENDENT TO HAVE STAFF DESIGN AND PUBLISH A MAGAZINE PROFILING ALL OF THE TEACHER OF THE YEAR NOMINEES AND WINNERS ON AN ANNUAL BASIS

Miami-Dade County Public Schools, like districts throughout the nation, has an annual tradition of recognizing teachers and teaching excellence. The process begins with the selection of an outstanding teacher at each school site, followed by the selection of a prominent teacher at the region level, and subsequently, the selection of a distinguished teacher at the district level. The distinguished teacher goes on to compete at the state level, and with good fortune, the State Teacher of the Year vies for the National Teacher of the Year Recognition title. Locally, Teacher of the Year ceremonies are held to celebrate the occasion. Also, a continuing display of each year's Teacher of the Year is proudly posted at both the region and School Board Administration Building facilities.

It is recommended that Miami-Dade County Public Schools' expand its current recognition practices to include an annual magazine publication of all Teachers of the Year to commemorate those exemplary teachers who have been so chosen for this honor by their peers. These teachers represent the best in teaching excellence, they serve as role models to beginning teachers, and are actively involved in their profession. This publication should include both the Teachers and Rookie Teachers of the Year from each school site, as well as region and district finalists and winners in both categories. The publication will include the honorees from the immediate past school year, and be distributed at the beginning of the successive school year. Implementation will begin in the 2003-04 school year.

This item does not appear on the published agenda. The good cause for varying from the published agenda is that it is essential that this process begin as soon as possible in order to have the input of staff and teachers involved in the recent Teacher of the Year selection.

Funding for this recommendation may be provided by Title One funds, or through donations from the private sector. No district funds will be utilized.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. ROBERT B. INGRAM:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent to have staff design and publish a magazine profiling all the Teacher of the Year nominees and winners on an annual basis.

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