

May 9, 2003

Dr. Robert B. Ingram, Vice Chair

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 03-32 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING FUTURE LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS AND/OR LEGISLATION THAT WOULD ALLOW UNDOCUMENTED, RESIDENT, TAXPAYING-STUDENTS WHO MEET SPECIFIC CRITERIA AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR HIGHER EDUCATION BY ALLOWING THEM TO PAY RESIDENT RATHER THAN NON-RESIDENT TUITION FEES AT FLORIDA'S COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

Educated people in our community are likely to earn more money, spend more money and pay more taxes. Therefore, providing our students with the opportunity for higher education is an investment in the economy and ultimately the quality of life in Miami-Dade County, in our state and in our country.

To ensure that all students have an equal opportunity for higher education, it is imperative that the School Board initiate or continue to support appropriate legislative efforts designed to allow undocumented, resident, taxpaying-students who meet specific eligibility criteria to pay resident tuition fees at Florida's community colleges and state universities. Moreover, because of the continued importance of the issue, it is requested that the Board make such proposed legislation a priority in its 2004 legislative program.

Many students in our culturally diverse community are prevented the opportunity for higher education because they haven't been able to legalize their immigration status, and the non-resident tuition fees are prohibitive for them and their parents. This is truly unfortunate as these students study, live in and make contributions to our community.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 03-32 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, supporting future legislative efforts and/or legislation that would allow undocumented, non-resident, taxpaying students who meet specific criteria an equal opportunity for higher education by allowing them to pay resident rather than non-resident tuitions fees at Florida's community colleges and universities.

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REPLACEMENT
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RESOLUTION NO.03-32
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING
FUTURE LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS AND/OR LEGISLATION THAT WOULD ALLOW
UNDOCUMENTED, NON-RESIDENT, TAXPAYING STUDENTS WHO MEET
SPECIFIC CRITERIA AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR HIGHER EDUCATION BY
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WHEREAS, educated people in our community are likely to earn more money, spend more money and pay more taxes, and

WHEREAS, providing our students with the opportunity for higher education is an investment in the economy and ultimately the quality of life in Miami-Dade County, in our state and in our country; and

WHEREAS, to ensure that all students have an equal opportunity for higher education, it is imperative that the School Board initiate or continue to support appropriate legislative efforts designed to allow undocumented, resident, taxpaying-students who meet specific eligilbilty criteria to pay resident tuition fees at Florida's community colleges and state universities; and

WHEREAS, because of the importance of the issue, it is requested that the Board make such proposed legislation a priority in its 2004 legislative program; and

WHEREAS, many students in our culturally diverse community are prevented the opportunity for higher education because they haven't been able to legalize their immigration status, and the non-resident tuition fees are prohibitive for them and/or their parents; and

WHEREAS, this is truly unfortunate as these students study, live in and make contributions to our community; and

WHEREAS, this is such an important issue as it relates to fairness, opportunity and an educated community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 03-32 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, supporting future legislative efforts and/or legislation that would allow undocumented, resident, taxpaying-students who meet specific criteria an equal opportunity for higher education by allowing them to pay resident rather than nonresident tution fees at Florida's community colleges and universities.

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

Presented this fourteenth day of May, A. D. 2003

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary