

Mr. Frank J. Bolaños, Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 03-34 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN SUPPORT OF THE OBJECTIVES OF THE APRIL 8-11 "ENLACE: ENGAGING LATINO COMMUNITIES FOR EDUCATION CONFERENCE" THAT TOOK PLACE IN MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA**

**COMMITTEE: LEGISLATIVE RELATIONS, PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PERSONNEL SERVICES**

Although school/community linkage has an important role to play in all aspects of education, it plays no greater role than it does in our country's Hispanic-American communities. Therefore, the April 8-11 "Enlace: Engaging Latino Communities for Education Conference" was an important one as were its objectives, which included but were not limited to: creating a learning community among the ENLACE partnership sites, highlighting best practices across developmental transition points found in grades K-16, creating a greater awareness of the diverse Latino communities in southeastern United States, and being informed on education policy and practice at the local, state and national levels.

Board members and employees who attended the conference had the opportunity to participate in sessions that ranged from sharing evaluation tools, plans and lessons learned to recent findings of Latino policy research to highlights of the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans to an overview of the Families Learning at School and Home program — a program designed to promote language minority parental participation in the educational process of children and families. The conference provided a great opportunity to extrapolate a wealth of information from it to significantly further one's knowledge on how to effectively address issues of importance to the education of our Latino youth as well as on how to form strong links with our Hispanic-American communities.

Certainly, the knowledge gained from participating in the conference will be advantageous to those of us who believe strongly that promoting linkage between Miami-Dade County Public Schools and the diverse Latino communities it serves will be of benefit to our entire community.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
MR. FRANK J. BOLANOS:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 03-34 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida in support of the objectives of the April 8-11, 2003 "Enlace: Engaging Latino Communities for Education Conference" that took place in Miami Beach, Florida

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**WHEREAS**, school/community linkage has an important role to play in education; and

**WHEREAS**, nowhere is that linkage more important than it is in Miami-Dade County Public Schools; and

**WHEREAS**, though the 2003 "Enlace: Engaging Latino Communities for Education Conference" has ended, support of its objectives, which ranged from promoting greater awareness of diverse Latino communities in the southeastern part of the United States to highlighting best practices across developmental transition points in grades K-16 to staying informed of local, state and national education policy and practice, should continue; and

**WHEREAS**, continuing to share evaluation tools, plans and lessons learned will benefit the our effort to provide every child with the opportunity for a quality education; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board's aggressive leadership to ensure that Miami-Dade County Public Schools' students have the opportunity to participate in programs that meet their educational needs will help guarantee that none of our students are "left behind,"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 03-34 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, in support of the objectives of the April 8-11, 2003 "Enlace: Engaging Latino Communities for Education Conference" that took place in Miami Beach, Florida

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

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary