

November 10, 2003

Frank J. Cobo, Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 03-55 OF THE
SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
SUPPORTING THE DO THE RIGHT THING PROGRAM IN
ITS ONGOING MISSION TO RECOGNIZE CHILDREN FOR
POSITIVE BEHAVIOR, ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND GOOD
DEEDS**

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

Since its inception 13 years ago, the Do The Right Thing (DTRT) program has recognized and rewarded more than 100,000 Miami-Dade County students for positive behavior, accomplishments and good deeds. More than half of the county's public schools participated in DTRT activities last year.

Students are rewarded for their good deeds through such means as certificates of recognition, savings bonds, free passes to area attractions and publicity from our local media. This proves to be helpful in keeping our youths on the right track to becoming conscientious, productive members in our society.

DTRT Program started in Miami and is now a non-profit organization operating under the auspices of the City of Miami Police Department. It helps to promote self-esteem among participants, helping the school system improve student achievement, narrow the achievement gap and enhance home/school partnerships. DTRT deserves continued School Board support for its valuable services to the young people of our community.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
FRANK J. COBO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution 03-55 of the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, supporting the Do The Right Thing program in its ongoing mission to recognize children for positive behavior, accomplishments and good deeds.

**RESOLUTION NO. 03-55
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
SUPPORTING THE DO THE RIGHT THING PROGRAM IN ITS ONGOING
MISSION TO RECOGNIZE CHILDREN FOR POSITIVE BEHAVIOR,
ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND GOOD DEEDS**

WHEREAS, the Do The Right Thing Program has served the Miami-Dade County community for 13 years and has recognized and rewarded more than 100,000 local students for their positive behavior, accomplishments and good deeds; and

WHEREAS, more than half of Miami-Dade County's public schools participated in Do The Right Thing activities last year; and

WHEREAS, many students recognized by the Do The Right Thing program often receive publicity from our local media, boosting their self-esteem and pride and positioning them as role models for their peers; and

WHEREAS, Do The Right Thing started in Miami and is now a non-profit organization operating under the auspices of the City of Miami Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Do The Right Thing program now boasts 47 chapters; and

WHEREAS, The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida has traditionally supported programs that encourage good citizenship;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution 03-55 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, supporting the Do The Right Thing Program in its ongoing mission to recognize children for positive behavior, accomplishments and good deeds.

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

Presented this nineteenth day of November, A.D. 2003

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary