

Office of School Board Members
Board Meeting of February 11, 2004

February 6, 2004

Betsy H. Kaplan, Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 04-14 BY THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ENDORSING MARCH 2004 AS "ARTS IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH" TO BE CELEBRATED IN ALL MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND AUTHORIZE ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS TO FOSTER RELATED ACTIVITIES

Approval is requested for Resolution No. 04-14 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing March 2004 as "Arts in Our Schools Month" in Miami-Dade County Public Schools. March has been designated nationally as the month to observe and to celebrate the benefit of the arts and arts education. Schools and communities throughout the country commemorate, endorse, and support arts programs and their many advantages. The No Child Left Behind Act of 2003 supports the power of arts education and recognizes that it is basic and fundamental for all children. This designation prompts our diverse community to become aware of, recognize, and celebrate the many historic, cultural, social, and economic contributions that the arts and arts education provide to Miami-Dade County, the State of Florida, and the United State of America.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

MS. BETSY H. KAPLAN: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 04-14 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing recognition of March 2004 as "Arts in Our Schools Month" in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 04-14
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
PROCLAIMING MARCH 2004 AS "ARTS IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH"
IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Whereas, Miami-Dade County Public Schools supports arts education and its ongoing efforts to educate the community about the merits of an education in the arts; and

Whereas, arts education contributes to student development through heightened skills in listening, reading, self-expression, and creativity; and

Whereas, arts education develops creative problem-solving and critical thinking abilities; and

Whereas, arts education teaches sensitivity, order, and other expressive qualities; and

Whereas, arts education provides a deeper understanding of multi-cultural values and beliefs; and

Whereas, arts education reinforces and brings to life what is learned in other subjects; and

Whereas, arts education interrelates learning in projects, productions, exhibition, history, criticism, and aesthetics; and

Whereas, arts education includes a broad range of study and active arts experiences; and

Whereas, arts education significantly enhances the morale and quality of the school environment; and

Whereas, it is the stated objective of the public schools to prepare students for a productive role in our society; and

Whereas, Miami-Dade County Public Schools' effort to provide its students with programs and services that emphasize ethnic pride, cultural sensitivity, positive intergroup relations, and cross-cultural communications is ongoing; and

Whereas, Miami-Dade County Public Schools affirms the significance and importance of this merited recognition; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 04-14 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing March 2004 as "Arts in Our Schools Month" in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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

Presented this eleventh day of February, A. D. 2004

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary