

May 11, 2004

Dr. Robert B. Ingram, Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO.04-34
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
FLORIDA, REQUESTING THE DISTRICT TO
CONTINUE ITS EFFORT TO ENCOURAGE STUDENTS
TO REGISTER TO VOTE AND TO EXERCISE THE
RIGHT TO VOTE THAT SUCH REGISTRATION
BRINGS**

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

There is no greater responsibility citizens can assume than to register to vote and to exercise the right to vote that such registration brings. Therefore, each year since 1972, the Division of Social Sciences has coordinated a very successful student voter registration effort in the district's senior high schools; in the 2002-2003 school year alone, it registered 11,538 students to vote. Clearly, this is a very successful program that directly reinforces the School Board's commitment to citizenship education.

Preparing students to become good citizens is an important goal, and our success at accomplishing it ultimately affects the quality of life in our community, state and country. With the significance of not only the upcoming elections but all elections, the district must redouble its efforts to register students to vote, encourage voting itself and continue to work with the Miami-Dade County Elections Department to achieve our mutual goals.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. ROBERT B. INGRAM:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida approve resolution No. 04-34 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, requesting the district to continue its effort to encourage students to register to vote and to exercise the right to vote that such registration brings.

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WHEREAS, there is no greater responsibility citizens can assume than to register to vote and to exercise the right to vote that such registration brings; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools currently has an outstanding student voter registration program in place; and

WHEREAS, more than 218,000 of our high school students have registered to vote through the program since its inception in 1972 — 11,538 in the 2002-03 school year alone; and

WHEREAS, this very successful program directly reinforces the School Board's commitment to citizenship education by helping prepare students to become good citizens — an important goal; and

WHEREAS, our success at accomplishing our goal will ultimately affect the quality of life in our community, state and country; and

WHEREAS, with the significance of not only the upcoming elections but all elections, the district must redouble its efforts to register students to vote, encourage voting itself and continue to work with the Miami-Dade County Elections Department to achieve our mutual goals;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 04-34 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, requesting the district to continue its efforts to encourage students to register to vote and to exercise the right to vote that such registration brings.

Presented this nineteenth day of May, A.D. 2004

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary