

Frank J. Cobo, Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 04-33 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE SYLVESTER CANCER CENTER FOR ITS EFFORTS TO EDUCATE PEOPLE, AND IN PARTICULAR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS STUDENTS, ABOUT THE DANGERS OF SUN EXPOSURE

COMMITTEE: EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS

Melanoma, the fastest growing cancer as well as the deadliest form of skin cancer, should be of concern to all people, especially those who live in sunny South Florida. Research indicates that sunburns and the cumulative effect of the sun in the first 18 years of life dramatically increase the risk of developing melanoma. This is something that should be of concern to us all.

The American Cancer Society reports that every hour someone dies from skin cancer and that more than 77 percent of those deaths are from melanoma. This year alone 95,000 new cases are expected. For this reason, the Sylvester Cancer Center has partnered in the past with Miami-Dade County Public Schools on a variety of projects to educate students about the dangers of sun exposure.

Armed with these statistics as well as the knowledge that melanoma is almost 100 percent curable if detected early enough, it is appropriate that this School Board recognize the Sylvester Cancer Center for its outstanding work in cancer research, cancer treatment and, most important, cancer prevention. It is equally important that we encourage the Sylvester Cancer Center's continued commitment to educate our community, and in particular, our students, on cancer prevention awareness.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 04-33 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Sylvester Cancer Center for its efforts to educate people, and in particular Miami-Dade County Public Schools students, about the dangers of sun exposure.

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WHEREAS, the risk of developing melanoma, the fastest growing cancer as well as the deadliest form of skin cancer, is on the rise; and

WHEREAS, more than 95,000 new cases of melanoma are expected this year alone; and

WHEREAS, sunburns and the cumulative effect of the sun during one's first 18 years of age dramatically increase this risk; and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society reports that every hour someone dies from skin cancer and that more than 77 percent of those deaths are caused by melanoma; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that we help promote the fact that melanoma is almost 100 percent curable if detected early enough; and

WHEREAS, the Sylvester Cancer Center, nationally renowned for its work in cancer research, cancer treatment and, most important, cancer prevention, has partnered in the past with Miami-Dade County Public Schools on a variety of projects to educate students on the dangers of sun exposure; and

WHEREAS, such pertinent educational efforts should be encouraged;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 04-33 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Sylvester Cancer Center for its efforts to educate people, and in particular Miami-Dade County Public Schools students, about the dangers of sun exposure.

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

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

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary