Office of School Board Members Board Meeting of September 8, 2004

Mr. Frank J. Bolaños, Member

SUBJECT:

**VIZCAYA MUSEUM & GARDENS** 

COMMITTEE:

LEGISLATIVE RELATIONS, PERSONNEL SERVICES AND

**PUBLIC RELATIONS** 

Miami-Dade Schools has enjoyed a productive and cooperative relationship with Vizcaya Museum and Gardens and together have partnered in the education of our children in the areas of history, architecture, fine arts and culture among other disciplines.

As one of South Florida's historical gems, Vizcaya provides a window to both the history of Miami and to the Italian Renaissance which are both represented in the Museum's architecture and expansive collections. Its art and furnishings portray 400 years of European history, and the residence and grounds have been deemed a National Historic Landmark.

The School Board recognizes this potential of this partnership and recommends further exploration to collaborate at a deeper level on curriculum development, historical outreach projects and increasing opportunities for student awareness and interaction.

ACTION PROPOSED BY MR. FRANK J. BOLAÑOS:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida recognize the collaborative partnership between Miami-Dade County Public Schools and Vizcaya Museum and Gardens and direct the Superintendent and appropriate staff to further collaborate on curriculum and historical outreach projects and strengthen its ties for the cultural education of our students.

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