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**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 04-53
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
FLORIDA, ENDORSING NOVEMBER 14-20, 2004 AS
AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK, TO BE CELEBRATED
IN ALL OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S PUBLIC
SCHOOLS**

**COMMITTEE: LEGISLATIVE RELATIONS, PUBLIC RELATIONS AND
PERSONNEL SERVICES**

American Education Week, to be celebrated in schools throughout the United States November 14-20, 2004, provides a great opportunity to encourage parents and non-parents alike to visit our schools, to build pride in our accomplishments and to develop an appreciation for the challenges of education. The theme for this year's observance, "Celebrating the American Dream," is intended to remind people that our schools are places for learning and wonder, places for acquiring today the tools that are necessary for success tomorrow, and places of hope for the future.

During American Education Week, as well as throughout the year, we should strive to instill a sense of ownership in our schools; to emphasize that teaching and learning is a home, school and community responsibility and to seek the help of others in encouraging children to think, to dream and to achieve. There is no more vital task than preparing today's students to be tomorrow's leaders, employees, voters and taxpayers, people who will shape the quality of our future. Therefore, it is appropriate that our School Board approve a resolution for American Education Week to be observed in all of Miami-Dade County's public schools. Principals will be informed of the week by e-mail and will be provided a source for suggested promotional activities.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida approve Resolution No. 04-53 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing November 14-20, 2004 as American Education Week, to be celebrated in all of Miami-Dade County's public schools.

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WHEREAS, American Education Week will be celebrated in schools throughout the country, November 14-20, 2004; and

WHEREAS, America's schools, collectively one of our nation's most vital institutions, are the backbone of democracy. They are links in the chain of life and are crucial to maintaining our precious values of freedom, civility and equality; and

WHEREAS, education throughout history has had an unmatched impact on democratizing our nation, strengthening our communities and teaching our diverse population, through a common effort, to live in harmony; and

WHEREAS, America's schools, where people of all ages and walks of life come together for a common purpose, continue to serve as community linchpins; and

WHEREAS, educators, by equipping students with both practical skills and broader intellectual abilities, are building our future, one student at a time;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 04-53 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing November 14-20, 2004 as American Education Week, to be observed in all of Miami-Dade County's public schools.

Presented this twentieth day of October, A.D. 2004

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary