

December 3, 2004

Rudolph F. Crew, Superintendent of Schools

**SUBJECT:           REQUEST THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZE MR. JEFFREY MILLER, PRESIDENT OF WEEKS GAS, FOR HIS SUPPORT OF THE PARTNERSHIP TO ADVANCE SCHOOL SUCCESS (PASS) PROGRAM AT HIALEAH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**COMMITTEE:       EDUCATION AND SCHOOL OPERATIONS**

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) honors Mr. Jeffrey Miller, President of Weeks Gas, for his personal and financial support of the Partnership to Advance School Success (PASS) Program at Hialeah Elementary School. The PASS Program, administered by the Council for Educational Change, partners a business leader with a school principal to create a three-year plan to increase student achievement. Mr. Miller will work at the school, hands on, with the Principal to infuse successful business strategies, such as data-driven decision-making and incentives and rewards, into school improvement efforts. Other employees at Weeks Gas will also be involved at the school, volunteering their time and efforts in meaningful educational activities directly aligned to student performance. Mr. Miller is a noted community activist and educational supporter. His commitment to Hialeah Elementary reflects his belief that "every child can succeed" when the community unites to provide quality education. The PASS model is evaluated annually by an independent team from the University of Miami and shows a positive impact on increased student achievement. Mr. Miller's generous contribution of \$100,000 is matched by a Florida Department of Education grant for \$100,000. The Council for Educational Change is the fiscal agent for the funding on behalf of Hialeah Elementary School. This is the 13th PASS Program districtwide.

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