

Dr. Marta Pérez, Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 05-01 RECOGNIZING THE WEST DADE REGIONAL LIBRARY AND THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM FOR THEIR YEARS OF SERVICE AND SUPPORT FOR THE DISTRICT 8 HOLIDAY BOOK GIVEAWAY

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

In December 1997, the West Dade Regional Library and the Miami-Dade County Public Library System joined the District 8 office of the Miami-Dade County School Board in a small holiday event for a handful of students. In the years since, that event has blossomed into an annual tradition: a celebration of the joy of giving and the joy of reading.

Last month, the District 8 Holiday Book Giveaway drew some 2,000 guests to the West Dade Regional Library, where they enjoyed a day of entertainment—featuring bands from Miami Coral Park Senior High and Rockway Middle schools—and where each child received a book, one of the most precious gifts one can give to a child. The West Dade Regional Library and the Miami-Dade County Public Library System are to be commended for their role in the success of last month's event and for their contributions to the growth of the District 8 Holiday Book Giveaway into a popular local institution through the years.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. MARTA PEREZ:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve resolution No. 05-01 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the West Dade Regional Library and the Miami-Dade County Public Library System for their years of service and support for the District 8 Holiday Book Giveaway.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 05-01
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING THE WEST DADE REGIONAL LIBRARY
AND THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM
FOR THEIR YEARS OF SERVICE AND SUPPORT FOR
THE DISTRICT 8 HOLIDAY BOOK GIVEAWAY**

WHEREAS, reading is the foundation of a strong education; and

WHEREAS, a book is one of the most precious gifts one can give a child; and

WHEREAS, since 1997, the West Dade Regional Library and the Miami-Dade County Public Library System have partnered with the District 8 office of the Miami-Dade County School Board in hosting an annual Holiday Book Giveaway; and

WHEREAS, the District 8 Holiday Book Giveaway has grown from a small event for a handful of students in 1997 into a popular local institution drawing some 2,000 guests in 2004; and

WHEREAS, the District 8 Holiday Book Giveaway promises to endure as an annual tradition for thousands of children in the years to come; and

WHEREAS, the West Dade Regional Library and the Miami-Dade County Library System have earned our appreciation for their past, present and future partnership with Miami-Dade County Public Schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve resolution No. 05-01 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the West Dade Regional Library and the Miami-Dade County Public Library System for their years of service and support for the District 8 Holiday Book Giveaway.

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

Presented this nineteenth day of January, A.D. 2005

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY