

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Member

**SUBJECT:           REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 05-04 BY THE  
SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
ENDORING MARCH 2005 AS "ARTS IN OUR SCHOOLS  
MONTH" TO BE CELEBRATED IN ALL MIAMI-DADE COUNTY  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND AUTHORIZE ADMINISTRATIVE  
ACTIONS TO FOSTER RELATED ACTIVITIES**

**COMMITTEE:       INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS**

Approval is requested for Resolution No. 05-04 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing March 2005 as "Arts in Our Schools Month" in Miami-Dade County Public Schools. March has been designated nationally as the month to observe and to celebrate the benefit of the arts and arts education. Schools and communities throughout the country commemorate, endorse, and support arts programs and their many advantages. The No Child Left Behind Act of 2003 supports the power of arts education and recognizes that it is basic and fundamental for all children. This designation prompts our diverse community to become aware of, recognize, and celebrate the many historic, cultural, social, and economic contributions that the arts and arts education provide to Miami-Dade County, the State of Florida, and the United State of America.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
MS. PERLA TABARES HANTMAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 05-04 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing March 2005 as "Arts in Our Schools Month" to be celebrated in all Miami-Dade County Public Schools and authorize administrative actions to foster related activities.

**RESOLUTION NO. 05-04  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
PROCLAIMING MARCH 2005  
AS "ARTS IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH"  
IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**Whereas,** Miami-Dade County Public Schools supports arts education and its ongoing efforts to educate the community about the merits of an education in the arts; and

**Whereas,** arts education contributes to student development through heightened skills in listening, reading, self-expression, and creativity; and

**Whereas,** arts education develops creative problem-solving and critical thinking abilities; and

**Whereas,** arts education teaches sensitivity, order, and other expressive qualities; and

**Whereas,** arts education provides a deeper understanding of multi-cultural values and beliefs; and

**Whereas,** arts education reinforces and brings to life what is learned in other subjects; and

**Whereas,** arts education interrelates learning in projects, productions, exhibition, history, criticism, and aesthetics; and

**Whereas,** arts education includes a broad range of study and active arts experiences; and

**Whereas,** arts education significantly enhances the morale and quality of the school environment; and

**Whereas,** it is the stated objective of the public schools to prepare students for a productive role in our society; and

**Whereas,** Miami-Dade County Public Schools' effort to provide its students with programs and services that emphasize ethnic pride, cultural sensitivity, positive intergroup relations, and cross-cultural communications is ongoing; and

**Whereas,** Miami-Dade County Public Schools affirms the significance and importance of this merited recognition

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 05-04 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing March 2005 as "Arts in Our Schools Month" in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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

Presented this Sixteenth day of February, A. D. 2005

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary