

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZE FLAMINGO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AS THE RECIPIENT OF THE OUTSTANDING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM AND THE SPORTS SOCIETY OF MIAMI FOR ITS SUPPORT AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR SCHOOLS

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

The Sports Society of Miami is a non-profit organization of community leaders in business, industry and education, whose mission is to promote opportunities for women and girls in sports. The goals of the organization are to honor female athletes in middle, senior high, and local colleges; the promotion of female athletic events; to safeguard equity in sports; to honor outstanding amateur/professional athletes with the Babe Didrickson Zaharias Award; provide the Dorothy B. Shula Scholarship to two college-bound high school seniors; and to recognize Outstanding Elementary Physical Education Programs.

As one of their selected projects, and in support of physical education participation for all students in maintaining a healthy lifestyle and developing leadership skills, the Sports Society of Miami has selected Flamingo Elementary School as the 2005 Outstanding Elementary Physical Education Program. Under the leadership of Ms. Jennifer Andreu, Principal and Mr. George Thalassites and Mr. Gus Lopez, Physical Education Teachers, students at Flamingo Elementary participate in activities including, but not limited to Fitness/Wellness Day at Aventura Mall, School Wide Obesity Walk and International Walk Your Child to School Day, Fit to Achieve Annual Assemblies, Fitness Tips on closed circuit television during Heart Awareness Month, the American Heart Association's Jump Rope for Heart Program, and an excellent daily program of developmentally age appropriate physical activities. For their exemplary efforts, Flamingo Elementary School will receive a sound system to support the delivery of instruction in physical education.

The President of the Sports Society of Miami is Dr. Marjorie P. Wessel.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognize Flamingo Elementary School as the recipient of the Outstanding Elementary School Physical Education Program and the Sports Society of Miami for its support and contributions to our schools.