

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Vice-Chair

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 06-06 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ENDORSING MARCH 2006 AS "ARTS IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH," TO BE CELEBRATED IN ALL MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND AUTHORIZING ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS TO FOSTER RELATED ACTIVITIES**

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

This coming March, schools and communities throughout the country will commemorate, endorse and support arts programs and their many advantages. "Arts in Our Schools Month" focuses attention on and increases community awareness of the value of arts education for all children. The American writer Henry Miller once said, "Art teaches nothing, except the significance of life." The arts also teach children to make good judgments about qualitative relationships, how problems can have more than one solution and how to see and interpret the world in many different ways.

The No Child Left Behind Act of 2003 supports the power of arts education and recognizes its significance and necessity for all children. Ratification of this resolution will prompt our diverse community to become aware of, recognize, and celebrate the many historical, cultural, social, and economic benefits that the arts and arts education provide to Miami-Dade County, the State of Florida and the nation.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
VICE-CHAIR PERLA TABARES HANTMAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 06-06 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing March 2006 as "Arts in Our Schools Month," to be celebrated in all Miami-Dade County Public Schools, and authorizing administrative actions to foster related activities.

**RESOLUTION NO. 06-06  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
ENDORING MARCH 2006 AS "ARTS IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH," TO BE CELEBRATED  
IN ALL MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND AUTHORIZING  
ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS TO FOSTER RELATED ACTIVITIES**

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

**WHEREAS**, schools and communities throughout the nation will commemorate and endorse "Arts in Our Schools Month" and support arts programs and their many benefits by focusing attention on and increasing community awareness of the value of arts education for all children; and

**WHEREAS**, arts education develops creative problem-solving and critical thinking abilities while providing a deeper understanding of multicultural values and beliefs; and

**WHEREAS**, arts education teaches children to make good judgments about qualitative relationships, how problems can have more than one solution and how to see and interpret the world in many different ways; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County Public Schools seeks to provide its students with programs and services, such as those related to the arts, that emphasize ethnic pride, cultural sensitivity, positive intergroup relations and cross-cultural communications;

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 06-06 of the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing March 2006 as "Arts in Our Schools Month," to be celebrated in all Miami-Dade County Public Schools, and authorizing administrative actions to foster related activities.

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

Presented this fifteenth day of February, A.D. 2006

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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SECRETARY