

Ms. Ana Rivas Logan, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 06-19 OF
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
PROCLAIMING APRIL 2006 AS SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA
MONTH IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

School library media centers are integral to the school's instructional program, providing a wide variety of current information resources that support the total school curriculum, motivate student reading, and further student mastery of Florida's Sunshine State Standards. Several studies, including a 2003 Florida study, *Making the Grade: The Status of School Library Media Centers in the Sunshine State and How They Contribute to Student Achievement*, explored the correlation between the school library media program and student achievement. This correlation is a result of a collaborative approach to information literacy instruction. This collaboration among library media specialists, classroom teachers, and administrators facilitates the integration of library media resources into the school's curriculum.

The school library media center is a place where students may explore more fully classroom subjects that interest them, expand their imagination, delve into areas of personal interest, and develop the ability to think clearly, critically, and creatively about the resources they have chosen to read, hear, or view. To focus citizens' attention on school library media center resources that empower students to learn and grow, the American Association of School Librarians (AASL) annually designates April as School Library Media Month.

This year, the AASL theme for School Library Media Month is "***Change your world @ your library***®." School Library Media Month draws attention to the importance of reading and promoting school-wide reading activities throughout the District.

Therefore, it is appropriate that the Board approve Resolution No. 06-19 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida recognizing the importance of libraries in our schools and proclaiming April as School Library Media Month.

ACTION PROPOSED

BY MS. RIVAS LOGAN: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 06-19 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida proclaiming the month of April 2006 as School Library Media Month in Miami-Dade County Public Schools, recognizing the positive relationship between school libraries and student achievement.

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WHEREAS, numerous studies have shown a high correlation between top school library programs led by certified school librarians and student achievement on standardized tests; and

WHEREAS, the school library media specialist's role is to provide leadership and expertise necessary to ensure that the library media program is an integral part of the instructional program of the school; and

WHEREAS, school library media centers provide materials to meet individual needs, varied interests, abilities, socioeconomic backgrounds, and maturity levels of the students served; and

WHEREAS, the school library media program contributes to the growth and development of all students, fostering both excellence and equity in education; and

WHEREAS, school library media specialists collaborate with teachers for optimal instructional design to improve student achievement; and

WHEREAS, the library media specialists of Miami-Dade County have dedicated themselves to work for quality library media programs for all students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 06-19 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, proclaiming April 2006 as School Library Media Month in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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

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

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY