

Dr. Robert B. Ingram, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 07-02 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, HONORING MYRTLE GROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR 50 YEARS OF SERVICE AND EDUCATIONAL COMMITMENT

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

In 1957, Myrtle Grove Elementary School opened its doors to 300 students in Northwest Miami-Dade County. Fifty years later, teachers, students, administrators and staff are celebrating the school's Golden Anniversary using the theme "Shining Brighter, 50 Years Later." The anniversary celebration has provided faculty and alumni an opportunity to reflect on the many achievements of the school whose graduates include physicians, educators, athletes, actors and business and community leaders.

When Myrtle Grove Elementary School opened, the school was comprised of several portables. Today, the current school is housed in a 54,953 square-foot building with a physical education facility and an extended parking lot under construction. Recognizing that school discipline and student safety provide an educational environment that enhances academic enrichment, Myrtle Grove Elementary School has included in its curriculum a program called "Conscious Discipline." The program involves a three-step process that helps students and teachers deal with anger in non-aggressive ways. The students learn to stop, take a deep breath and calm down.

As part of the anniversary celebrations, the school will bury a time capsule which will contain items selected by each grade level. It is appropriate, therefore, that the School Board endorse the recognition of the 50th anniversary of Myrtle Grove Elementary School.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. ROBERT B. INGRAM:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 07-02 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring Myrtle Grove Elementary School for 50 years of service and educational commitment on this fourteenth day of February, 2007.

**RESOLUTION NO. 07-02
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
HONORING MYRTLE GROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR 50 YEARS
OF SERVICE AND EDUCATIONAL COMMITMENT**

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, the School Board, and the Office of the Superintendent greatly appreciate the work and dedication of long-standing educational institutions and the many professional educators who have taught in its classrooms and contributed to its greatness; and

WHEREAS, Myrtle Grove Elementary School celebrates its 50th anniversary with faculty, students and parents, taking this time to reflect on the school's many accomplishments during the past five decades; and

WHEREAS, in celebrating its Golden Anniversary under the theme "Shining Brighter, 50 Years Later" Myrtle Grove Elementary School honors its present and past faculty, as well as its distinguished alumni; and

WHEREAS, through the doors and hallways of Myrtle Grove Elementary School have walked many fine graduates that include attorneys, national athletes, actors, educators and business and community leaders; and

WHEREAS, the school and its principal are committed to finding new ways to teach and discipline students including the implementation of a discipline program called "Conscious Discipline"; and

WHEREAS, Myrtle Grove Elementary School believes that discipline and school safety provide an environment of learning and academic enrichment, thus, serving as a model to other surrounding schools.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 07-02 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring Myrtle Grove Elementary School for 50 years of service and educational commitment.

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

Presented this fourteenth day of February, A.D. 2007

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY