

Ana Rivas Logan, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 07-11 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE WORK PERFORMED THROUGH THE "SCHOOLS ADOPTING SCHOOLS" PROGRAM

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: INCREASE STUDENT EXPOSURE AND UNDERSTANDING OF GLOBAL ISSUES AND ECONOMY

Four years ago, the principals of William Chapman Elementary School, Christina Eve Elementary School and Winston Park K-8 Center, seeing the need of dozens of students from William Chapman Elementary School who lived in the homeless shelter, Camillus House and the Migrant Camp in Homestead, formed a program called "Schools Adopting Schools." Since the program's inception, the PTA at Winston Park K-8 Center, together with students, teachers and staff have decorated and filled Thanksgiving Dinner boxes full of turkeys, hams and desserts and have taken these boxes to needy families from William Chapman Elementary School. For their part in "Schools Adopting Schools," the Christina Eve Elementary School Family has adopted a class from William Chapman Elementary School and every year, makes sure that the students in this class, and their family members, each receive food and a personal gift for Christmas.

The time and labor of love that these students, parents and educators have given to less fortunate students and their families deserve to be publicly acknowledged. It is appropriate, therefore, that the School Board endorse the recognition of the work performed through the "Schools Adopting Schools" program.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. ANA RIVAS LOGAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 07-11 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the "Schools Adopting Schools" Program.

**RESOLUTION No. 07-11
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING THE WORK PERFORMED THROUGH THE
"SCHOOLS ADOPTING SCHOOLS" PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, the School Board and the Office of the Superintendent are committed to giving proper and deserved recognition to those who labor with the school district, especially those educators, students and parents who give of themselves and volunteer to help others who are in need; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Linda Amica, Mr. Carlos Diaz and Ms. Noreen Virgin, principals, respectively, of William Chapman Elementary School, Christina Eve Elementary School and Winston Park K-8 Center, seeing the need of dozens of students at William Chapman Elementary, formed a program called "Schools Adopting Schools," and

WHEREAS, the "Schools Adopting Schools" program has provided support and kindness to families of students who live in the homeless shelter, Camillus House, and the Migrant Camp; and

WHEREAS, every year the PTA of Winston Park K-8 Center provides a Thanksgiving meal of turkey, ham and desserts to 60 needy families from William Chapman Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, students, parents and staff from Christina Eve Elementary School have adopted a class from William Chapman Elementary School and have ensured that every family member represented in this class receive food and a personal gift during the Christmas Season; and

WHEREAS, as a result of these acts of kindness, students like four-year-old Victoria Trincado, a Pre-K student at Christina Eve Elementary School, was moved to empty all the coins from her Piggy Bank and give the money to less fortunate students; and

WHEREAS, parents, teachers and staff who participate in the "Schools Adopting Schools" program not only serve as good role models for children, but, also teach them, at an early age, one of the greatest lessons of life, that is, better to give than to receive.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 07-11, and present this proclamation to the students, teachers, parents and staff of William Chapman Elementary School, Christina Eve Elementary School and Winston Park K-8 Center in recognition of their philanthropic acts and unwavering commitment to all children.

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

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

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY