

Ms. Ana Rivas Logan, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 07-30 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE CARNIVAL KIDS PROGRAM

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT

STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT

Over the last 10 years, Linda Coll, the Director of the Carnival Foundation and Elisabeth Koncza, Acting Director of the Zoological Society of Florida have built a partnership based on a shared commitment to education. The Carnival Kids program teaches fourth graders throughout Miami-Dade County that all living creatures, including themselves, are to be treasured. This program has been expanded to include fifth graders who participated last year as fourth graders and will be focusing on water conservation and management.

The skills learned through the Carnival Kids program such as analysis and observation will help them to excel academically and perform better on grant administered exams. Carnival Cruise Lines has sponsored the Carnival Kids program since 1997 and more than 3,000 elementary aged children have gone through this program since its inception. This year's participants include

- Bel-Aire Elementary;
- Campbell Drive Elementary;
- Carol City Elementary and
- South Miami Heights Elementary Schools.

Through the Carnival Kids program our students will get their first personal encounters with nature and wildlife by visiting the Miami Metrozoo and Everglades National Park.

Therefore, it is appropriate that the Board approve Resolution No. 07-30 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the importance of the Carnival Kids Program and the benefits of this program for the students of Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

ANA RIVAS LOGAN:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 07-30 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the value and importance of the Carnival Kids Program and the benefits of this program for the students of Miami-Dade County Public Schools. There is no cost to the District.

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**The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve
Resolution No. 07-30 recognizing Linda Coll, the Director of the Carnival Foundation
and Elisabeth Koncza, Acting Director of the Zoological Society of Florida for their
endless contributions to the students of Miami-Dade County Public Schools
in implementing the Carnival Kids program.**

WHEREAS, over the last 10 years, Linda Coll, the Director of the Carnival Foundation and Elisabeth Koncza, Acting Director of the Zoological Society of Florida have built a partnership based on a shared commitment to education; and

WHEREAS, the Carnival Kids program teaches fourth graders throughout Miami-Dade County that all living creatures, including themselves, are to be treasured; and

WHEREAS, the Carnival Kids program has been expanded to include fifth graders who participated last year as fourth graders and will be focusing on water conservation and management; and

WHEREAS, the skills learned through the Carnival Kids program such as analysis and observation will help them to excel academically and perform better on grant administered exams; and

WHEREAS, Carnival Cruise Lines has sponsored the Carnival Kids program since 1997 and more than 3,000 elementary aged children have gone through this program since its inception; and

WHEREAS, this year's participants include Bel-Aire Elementary; Campbell Drive Elementary; Carol City Elementary and South Miami Heights Elementary Schools; and

WHEREAS, through the Carnival Kids program our students will get their first personal encounters with nature and wildlife by visiting the Miami Metrozoo and Everglades National Park;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 07-30 recognizing Linda Coll, the Director of the Carnival Foundation and Elisabeth Koncza, Acting Director of the Zoological Society of Florida for their endless contributions to the students of Miami-Dade County Public Schools in implementing the Carnival Kids program.

Presented this sixteenth day of May, A.D. 2007

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY