

Mr. Renier Diaz de la Portilla, Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 07-66 RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENT OF DORAL ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL IN BEING NAMED TO U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT'S LIST OF AMERICA'S BEST HIGH SCHOOLS

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: EXPOSE STUDENTS TO GLOBAL ISSUES

U.S. News & World Report recently released its first ever ranking of America's Best High Schools. Using a formula produced by K-12 data research and analysis business run by Standard & Poor's, the magazine put high schools in 40 states through a three-step analysis. First, it measured how each school's students performed on state tests, adjusting for student circumstances. Next, it evaluated how well each school's disadvantaged students had performed. Finally, it checked to see if the school was successful in providing college-level coursework. The 100 schools that did the best in this analysis earned gold medals. The next 405 schools earned silver medals and an additional 1,086 schools earned bronze medals. Of those schools named to the list, nine Miami-Dade County Public Schools secured gold, silver, or bronze medals.

Doral Academy High School opened its doors in 1999 and is located in the rapidly growing city of Doral. There are 925 students currently enrolled in grades nine through twelve. The school is committed to providing its students an integrated and challenging curriculum as well as learning experiences that meet and surpass national standards. Close to forty percent of twelfth graders take at least one Advanced Placement test during high school. As a result of these achievements, Doral Academy High School earned a silver medal from U.S. News and World Report.

The principal at Doral Academy High School is Mr. Francisco Jimenez. The school most recently earned a school performance grade of "A".

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MR. RENIER DIAZ DE
LA PORTILLA:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 07-66 recognizing the achievement of Doral Academy High School in being named to U.S. News & World Report's list of America's Best High Schools.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 07-66 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
FLORIDA RECOGNIZING THE ACHEIVEMENT OF DORAL ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL
IN BEING NAMED TO U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT'S LIST OF AMERICA'S BEST
HIGH SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, nine Miami-Dade public schools were among the U.S. News & World Report's list of America's Best High Schools; and

WHEREAS, the schools were ranked based on the results of an analysis that measured student performance on state tests and each school's ability to provide college-level coursework; and

WHEREAS, Doral Academy High School is one of the schools listed as America's best; and

WHEREAS, Doral Academy High School is committed to providing its students an integrated and challenging curriculum as well as learning experiences that meet and surpass national standards; and

WHEREAS, as a result of their many academic achievements, Doral Academy High School, under the direction of Principal Francisco Jimenez, earned a silver medal from U.S. News and World Report;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 07-66 recognizing the achievement of Doral Academy High School in being named to U.S. News & World Report's list of America's Best High Schools.

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

Presented this nineteenth day of December, A.D. 2007

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY