

Mr. Agustin J. Barrera, Chair

SUBJECT: REQUEST THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ACCEPT THE ASIA SOCIETY'S DONATION OF \$25,000 TO SUNSET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL; AND APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 08-45, RECOGNIZING SUNSET ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR BEING NAMED A NATIONAL WINNER OF THE GOLDMAN SACHS FOUNDATION PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE IN INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: ENSURE ACHIEVEMENT OF HIGH ACADEMIC STANDARDS BY ALL STUDENTS

Sunset Elementary School was recently awarded \$25,000 for being named the national winner of the Goldman Sachs Foundation for Excellence in International Education. The school was honored for its efforts to engage students in learning about other world regions, cultures, and languages.

Through its International Studies magnet, Sunset Elementary offers students an inquiry-based, global curriculum focused on civic responsibility, cultural and environmental awareness, and knowledge of the global economy. Spanish, French, and German are among the language courses offered to students who also receive instruction in math, science and social studies in these languages. The International Studies program at Sunset is delivered in affiliation with the curricula of the Ministries of Education of Spain, France, and Germany.

The Goldman Sachs Foundation and the Asia Society established the national recognition and prize to celebrate outstanding achievements in a field that promotes cultural awareness, world history and a global curriculum. The Asia Society's generous contribution will allow students to continue on their path of learning and achievement.

The school's principal, Dr. Aline Sarria and the students, staff, and parents of Sunset Elementary School are to be commended for their outstanding achievements and their commitment to preparing students for success in school and in life.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

MR. AGUSTIN J. BARRERA: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

1. authorize the Superintendent to accept, on behalf of Sunset Elementary School, an award of \$25,000 from the Asia Society; and
2. approve Resolution No. 08-45, recognizing Sunset Elementary School for being named a national winner of the Goldman Sachs Foundation Prize for Excellence in International Education.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 08-45
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, RECOGNIZING SUNSET
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR BEING NAMED A NATIONAL WINNER OF THE
GOLDMAN SACHS FOUNDATION PRIZE FOR EXCELLENCE IN INTERNATIONAL
EDUCATION**

WHEREAS, Sunset Elementary School was recently awarded \$25,000 for being named the national winner of the Goldman Sachs Foundation for Excellence in International Education; and

WHEREAS, through its International Studies magnet, Sunset Elementary School offers students an inquiry-based, global curriculum focused on civic responsibility, cultural and environmental awareness, and knowledge of the global economy; and

WHEREAS, students in the International Studies magnet at Sunset Elementary receive instruction in Spanish, French, and German and they also study math, science and social studies in these languages; and

WHEREAS, the school's International Studies magnet is delivered in affiliation with the curricula of the Ministries of Education of Spain, France, and Germany; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Aline Sarria and the students, staff, and parents of Sunset Elementary School are to be commended for their outstanding achievements and their commitment to preparing students for success in school and in life;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida approve Resolution No. 08-45, recognizing Sunset Elementary School for being named a national winner of the Goldman Sachs Foundation Prize for Excellence in International Education.

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

Presented this sixteenth day of April, A.D. 2008

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary