

Ms. Ana Rivas Logan, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 08-48 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING MS. HILCA THOMAS FOR BEING NAMED THE 2008 NATIONAL ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR BY THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT

STRATEGIC PLAN: DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT NEW PROCESSES AND PROGRAMS TO IMPROVE STAFF SATISFACTION AND RETENTION

In 2004, the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) and Virco, a leading manufacturer and supplier of furniture and equipment for K-12 schools, partnered to recognize secondary school assistant principals for their dedication to and success in school leadership. The State and National Assistant Principal of the Year program recognizes outstanding middle and high school assistant principals who have demonstrated success in leadership, curriculum and personalization.

Ms. Hilca Thomas, an assistant principal at Howard A. Doolin Middle School, has been named this year's recipient of the 2008 Assistant Principal of the Year by the NASSP. Ms. Thomas, described by her colleagues as "a woman with vision", has been honored with the prestigious national award for her work in motivating both students and faculty to be lifelong learners.

A curriculum assistant principal at Howard A. Doolin Middle School since 2000, Ms. Thomas has shown great leadership in collecting and analyzing student assessment data to identify a student's weakness and assist teachers in tailoring instruction accordingly. She has also made collaboration with the school's faculty, parents and students the core of her leadership.

Ms. Thomas received a bachelor of science degree in zoology from the University of West Indies in Jamaica and earned a master of science degree in biology education from the University of Miami. For twelve years, she taught biology and science at the middle and high school level before moving to her position in administration at Howard A. Doolin Middle School. In October of 2007, Ms. Thomas was among a group of Miami-Dade County Public Schools principals and assistant principals to win five of six Outstanding Leadership Awards from the Florida Department of Education.

Ms. Thomas will be officially honored at this year's National Assistant Principal of the Year recognition program during a black-tie event in Washington, D.C. on April 19th. The award includes a check for \$5,000 which Ms. Thomas can use to improve learning at her school or for professional development.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 08-48, recognizing Ms. Hilca Thomas for being named the 2008 National Assistant Principal of the Year by the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-48
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING
MS. HILCA THOMAS FOR BEING NAMED THE 2008 NATIONAL ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF
THE YEAR BY THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

WHEREAS, in 2004, the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) and Virco partnered to recognize secondary school assistant principals for their dedication to and success in school leadership; and

WHEREAS, the State and National Assistant Principal of the Year program recognizes outstanding middle and high school assistant principals who have demonstrated success in leadership, curriculum and personalization; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Hilca Thomas, an assistant principal at Howard A. Doolin Middle School, has been named this year's recipient of the 2008 Assistant Principal of the Year by the NASSP for her work in motivating both students and faculty to be lifelong learners; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Thomas demonstrates great leadership in collecting and analyzing student assessment data to identify a student's weakness and assist teachers in tailoring instruction accordingly and made collaboration with the school's faculty, parents and students the core of her leadership; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her many accolades, Ms. Thomas was also among a group of Miami-Dade County Public Schools principals and assistant principals to win five of six Outstanding Leadership Awards from the Florida Department of Education in October of 2007; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Thomas will be officially honored at this year's National Assistant Principal of the Year recognition program during a black-tie event in Washington, D.C. where she will receive an award of \$5,000 which can be used to improve learning at her school or for professional development;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 08-48, recognizing Ms. Hilca Thomas for being named the 2008 National Assistant Principal of the Year by the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

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