

Ms. Ana Rivas Logan, Board Member

**SUBJECT:                                 REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 08-34 OF THE  
SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
SUPPORTING THE OPEN SPACE SYSTEM MASTER PLAN**

**COMMITTEE:                             INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO DISTRICT  
STRATEGIC PLAN:                     STRENGTHEN BUSINESS AND OTHER COMMUNITY  
PARTNERSHIPS FOR ASSISTANCE IN IMPLEMENTING  
STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**

The Miami-Dade County Park and Recreation Department has developed a new Parks and Open Space System Master Plan. The Master Plan is a policy framework and vision to create a greener, healthier, more livable, and economically vibrant Miami-Dade County. It accomplishes this through a system of great parks, public spaces, and natural and cultural areas connected by greenways, water trails and great streets, all of which comprise the public realm. The Master Plan vision will contribute to a more beautiful and sustainable community for this and future generations.

The Parks and Open Space System Master Plan proposes that every resident should be able to enjoy the same quality of public facilities and services regardless of income, age, race, ability or geographic location. Every resident should be able to safely and comfortably walk, bicycle, drive or take transit from their home to work, school, parks, shopping and community facilities. Every public space, including streets, parks, plazas and civic buildings of all sorts, should be designed to be as aesthetically pleasing as possible, and to complement the natural and cultural landscape. Every element of the county, including neighborhoods, parks, natural areas, streets, school, civic centers and commercial areas should be connected without regard to jurisdiction. Natural resources, including water, wildlife habitat and open space, must be protected for future generations.

The common goal of a greener, healthier, and more livable community can be achieved through greater communication and collaboration between the School Board and the Miami-Dade Parks Department.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida approve Resolution No. 08-34 supporting the Open Space System Master Plan.

**RESOLUTION NO. 08-34  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
SUPPORTING THE PARKS AND OPEN SPACE SYSTEM MASTER PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, the Miami-Dade County Park and Recreation Department has developed a new Parks and Open Space Master Plan to create a more beautiful, livable, sustainable Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parks and Open Space System Master Plan will create a seamless, sustainable system of recreation and conservation open space for current and future generations by connecting parks, public spaces, schools, and natural and cultural areas through greenways, water trails and streets; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parks and Open Space System Master Plan proposes that every resident should be able to enjoy the same quality of public facilities and services regardless of income, age, race, ability or geographic location; and

**WHEREAS**, every resident should be able to safely and comfortably walk, bicycle, drive and/or ride public transit from their home to work, school, parks, libraries, shopping and community facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, every public space, including streets, parks, plazas, and civic buildings of all sorts should be designed to be as aesthetically pleasing as possible and to complement the natural and cultural landscape; and

**WHEREAS**, every element of the county, including neighborhoods, parks, natural areas, streets, schools, civic centers and commercial areas should be connected without regard to jurisdiction; and

**WHEREAS**, natural resources, including water, wildlife habitat and open space, must be protected for future generations;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 08-34 supporting the Open Space System Master Plan.

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

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary