

Ms. Ana Rivas Logan, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 08-43 OF THE
SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING MAY 6, 2008 AS NATIONAL TEACHER DAY**

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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

On Tuesday, May 6, 2008 teachers across the nation will be spotlighted for the work they do everyday on behalf of children and their families. National Teacher Day draws attention to the crucial role a teacher plays in making sure every child receives a quality public education and conveys the commitment demonstrated by teachers to make public schools great for every child.

According to the National Education Association, Arkansas teacher Mattye Whyte Woodbridge is credited with leading the charge to establish a national day to honor teachers. In 1944, Woodbridge began corresponding with political and education leaders about the need for a national teacher recognition day. Woodbridge wrote to Eleanor Roosevelt, who in 1953 persuaded the 81st Congress to proclaim a National Teacher Day.

Few professionals have the opportunity to touch and transform lives as do teachers. They have the amazing ability to listen, motivate, counsel, and encourage students. Teachers keep American democracy alive by laying the foundation for good citizenship and a desire for lifelong learning.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools' more than 20,000 teachers provide academic enrichment and educational excellence to a diverse student population. Their commitment to their students and to their profession demonstrates their passion for opening young minds to creative expression, critical thinking, and innovative ideas.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
ANA RIVAS LOGAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 08-43, recognizing May 6, 2008 as National Teacher Day.

**RESOLUTION NO. 08-43
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING MAY 6, 2008 AS NATIONAL TEACHER DAY**

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, May 6, 2008, teachers across the nation will be spotlighted for the work they do everyday on behalf of children and their families; and

WHEREAS, National Teacher Day draws attention to the crucial role a teacher plays in making sure every child receives a quality public education and conveys the commitment demonstrated by teachers to make public schools great for every child; and

WHEREAS, Arkansas teacher Mattye Whyte Woodbridge is credited with leading the charge to establish a national day to honor teachers with a letter writing campaign in 1944 stressing the need for a national teacher recognition day; and

WHEREAS, teachers have the amazing ability to listen, motivate, counsel, and encourage their students and thus, keep American democracy alive by laying the foundation for good citizenship and a desire for lifelong learning; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools' more than 20,000 teachers provide academic enrichment and educational excellence to a diverse student population and contribute to opening young minds to creative expression, critical thinking, and innovative ideas;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 08-43 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing May 6, 2008 as National Teacher Day.

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