

Dr. Wilbert "Tee" Holloway, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 08-59 OF
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING SEVEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR BEING HONORED BY MAGNET
SCHOOLS OF AMERICA**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO DISTRICT
STRATEGIC PLAN: INCREASE STUDENT EXPOSURE & UNDERSTANDING
OF GLOBAL ISSUES**

Magnet Schools of America (MSA) is a not-for profit, professional educational association established specifically to promote desegregation, equity, and excellence through the expansion and improvement of magnet, theme, and public schools of choice. Each year, MSA recognizes the top magnet schools in the United States. The Magnet Schools of Merit Award honors magnet schools that show a commitment to high academic standards, curriculum innovation, successful desegregation/diversity efforts, and the consistent delivery of quality services to all school stakeholders. Two categories of awards have been established by MSA. The top category given to a group of select magnet schools is the Magnet School of Excellence Award and the second category of awards is the Magnet School of Distinction Award. Schools recognized must be members of the MSA and must submit an application that is scored by a panel of educators.

This year, seven of the 119 awards given to schools around the nation were earned by Miami-Dade County Public Schools. As a result of their achievements, Air Base Elementary School, Sunset Elementary School, and George W. Carver Middle School earned the distinction of being recognized as Magnet Schools of Excellence. George W. Carver Middle School also received the prestigious American Education Solutions, Inc. Secondary School Merit Award of Excellence. North Dade Center for Modern Languages, Frank C. Martin K-8 Center, John F. Kennedy Middle School, and Coral Reef Senior High School were honored as Magnet Schools of Distinction. These schools also share the distinction of being recognized multiple years by MSA. Air Base Elementary School has been honored eleven years, Coral Reef Senior High School has been honored nine years, and North Dade Center for Modern Languages has been honored eight years. Sunset Elementary School, George W. Carver Middle School, and Frank C. Martin K-8 Center have been honored seven years. John F. Kennedy Middle School has been honored four years.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. WILBERT "TEE" HOLLOWAY:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 08-59 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing seven Miami-Dade County Public Schools for being honored by Magnet Schools of America.

**RESOLUTION NO. 08-59
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING SEVEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR
BEING HONORED BY MAGNET SCHOOLS OF AMERICA**

WHEREAS, Magnet Schools of America (MSA) is a not-for profit, professional educational association established specifically to promote desegregation, equity, and excellence through the expansion and improvement of magnet, theme, and public schools of choice; and

WHEREAS, each year, MSA recognizes the top magnet schools in the United States that show a commitment to high academic standards, curriculum innovation, successful desegregation/diversity efforts, and the consistent delivery of quality services to all school stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, the two categories of awards that have been established by MSA are the Magnet School of Excellence Award and the Magnet School of Distinction Award; and

WHEREAS, seven of the 119 awards given to schools around the nation this year were earned by Miami-Dade County Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, as a result of their achievements, Air Base Elementary School, Sunset Elementary School, and George W. Carver Middle School earned the distinction of being recognized as Magnet Schools of Excellence; and

WHEREAS, North Dade Center for Modern Languages, Frank C. Martin K-8 Center, John F. Kennedy Middle School, and Coral Reef Senior High School were honored as Magnet Schools of Distinction;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 08-59 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing seven Miami-Dade County Public Schools for being honored by Magnet Schools of America.

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

Presented this twenty-first day of May, A.D. 2008

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary