

Dr. Solomon C. Stinson, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. XX-XX OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING MIAMI EDISON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL AS THE RECIPIENT OF THE COLLEGE BOARD'S 2008 INSPIRATION AWARD HONORABLE MENTION**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: DEVELOPING OUR STUDENTS SO THEY ARE ABLE TO SUCCESSFULLY COMPETE IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMY**

The College Board's Inspiration Awards honor those high schools that initiate unique programs and create partnerships among teachers, parents, community organizations, and local businesses to help more students pursue a college education. Selection criteria requires that a minimum of 40 percent of the school's student population qualify for free or reduced price lunch; that the school demonstrates consistent growth across the entire student population in participation in rigorous curricula, such as the Advanced Placement Program (AP) or International Baccalaureate (IB); and growth in the percentage of students participating in college-preparatory course work and accepted to two- or four-year institutions of higher education.

The College Board's 2008 Inspiration Award committee named eight high schools in the nation that have successfully improved the academic environment and helped students achieve equitable access to higher education despite social, economic, and cultural challenges. Three of these schools received a \$25,000 award for being an outstanding high school and five schools received \$1,000 honorable mention awards.

Among the five honorable mentions was Miami-Dade County Public Schools' Miami Edison Senior High School. Miami Edison's \$1,000 award will be applied to programs that encourage students to attend college. The school has set a strong example by leveraging innovative strategies and community partnerships to overcome challenges. They can be proud of cultivating a learning environment with high expectations, challenging course work, and teachers who care. It is evident that Miami Edison will continue to promote high standards to help ensure that every diploma is a ticket to success in college and beyond.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
DR. SOLOMON C. STINSON:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. XX-XX, recognizing Miami Edison Senior High School as the recipient of The College Board's 2008 Inspiration Award Honorable Mention.

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