

Ms. Evelyn Langlieb Greer, Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 08-78 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE COLLEGE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM INC. (CAP INC.)

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: DEVELOP OF STUDENTS SO THAT THEY ARE ABLE TO SUCCESSFULLY COMPETE IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMY

The College Assistance Program, Inc. (CAP, Inc.) was incorporated in 1978 for the purpose of assisting qualified, economically disadvantaged public high school seniors who demonstrated financial need to attend the college of their choice. Since that time, CAP, Inc. has awarded over \$11.4 million dollars in "last dollar" grants to more than 100,000 students. One hundred percent of every dollar contributed to CAP, Inc. goes directly to Miami-Dade students, making it possible for their dreams of attending college to become a reality.

College and student advisors provide information and assist students in completing applications for college admission testing, admission to postsecondary institutions, financial aid and scholarships. Advisors also present college workshops to students, parents, and community organizations. Every high school in Miami-Dade County receives CAP services.

The annual College Assistance Program "Grant Night" will be held on August 5, 2008 at the Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables. This year 398 students will be recognized at this event.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. EVELYN LANGLIEB GREER:**

That the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 08-78 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida recognizing the College Assistance Program Inc. (CAP, Inc.).

**RESOLUTION NO. 08-78
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

Whereas, on August 5, 2008 the College Assistance Program, Inc.(CAP, Inc.) will celebrate its annual Grant Night and Community Leaders Reception in celebration of the commitment and dedication of CAP and its business and community supporters to the students of Miami-Dade, and

Whereas, the College Assistance Program was founded in 1978 by G. Holmes Braddock, former Miami-Dade school board member, to assist highly qualified, financially needy students to attend college who were otherwise unable to afford the high cost of a college education, and;

Whereas, since its inception the CAP scholarship program has awarded over \$11.4 million in "last gap" scholarships to academically deserving and financially needy Miami-Dade students who would otherwise not have the means to seek higher learning, and;

Whereas, the CAP program represents a collaboration of the College Assistance Program, the Dade Community Foundation and the Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Division of Student/Career Services, and is governed by a volunteer board of directors which includes prominent business and civic leaders, and;

Whereas, this year's Grant Night will recognize 398 Miami-Dade students as CAP scholars and award them scholarships to schools throughout the State of Florida and beyond.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 08-78 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida,

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

Presented this 4th day of August, A.D. 2008

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary