

Ms. Ana Rivas Logan, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 08-93 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE 2008 MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCIENCE TEACHER OF THE YEAR AND THE BECKMAN COULTER SENIOR HIGH SCIENCE EDUCATOR AWARD WINNER

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE STAFF SATISFACTION AT ALL LEVELS.

The 2008 Science Teacher of the Year Award, sponsored by the Dade County Science Teachers' Association and Beckman Coulter Corporation, recognizes classroom teachers in three levels of teaching: K-5th grades, 6th-8th grades, and 9th-12th grades. The award honors teachers who motivate their students, make learning exciting, are dedicated professionals who nurture hidden talents and abilities, and take teaching science beyond the textbook. The winning teachers receive a certificate, a plaque, and a cash award. In addition, Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines contributes three one-week cruises for the elementary, middle, and senior high school award recipients aboard the cruise ship *Explorer of the Seas*.

On May 2, 2008, the nominees were honored at an awards ceremony and banquet. The 2008 Science Teacher of the Year Award recipients were Ms. Laura Armand of Norma Butler Bossard Elementary School, Ms. Bertha Vazquez of George Washington Carver Middle School, and Mr. Carlos Montero of Dr. Michael M. Krop Senior High School. These award-winning teachers will have the opportunity of working with onboard science technicians and university researchers aboard the *Explorer of the Seas* oceanographic and atmospheric laboratories.

In addition, the Beckman Coulter Senior High Science Educator Award was presented to a teacher with the aim of sponsoring professional development in the life sciences, including microbiology, molecular biology, and chemistry. The \$2,500 scholarship award was presented to Ms. Sandee Vicky Apang of Southwest Miami Senior High School.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 08-93 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the 2008 Miami-Dade County Public Schools Science Teacher of the Year and the Beckman Coulter Senior High Science Educator Award Winner.

**RESOLUTION NO. 08-93
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING THE 2008 MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SCIENCE TEACHER OF THE YEAR AND THE BECKMAN COULTER SENIOR HIGH
SCIENCE EDUCATOR AWARD WINNER**

WHEREAS, the 2008 Science Teacher of the Year Award, sponsored by the Dade County Science Teachers' Association and Beckman Coulter Corporation, recognizes classroom teachers in three levels of teaching: K-5th grades, 6th-8th grades, and 9th-12th grades; and

WHEREAS, the Science Teacher of the Year Award honors teachers who motivate their students, make learning exciting, are dedicated professionals who nurture hidden talents and abilities, and take teaching science beyond the textbook; and

WHEREAS, the Beckman Coulter Senior High Science Educator Award is presented to a teacher with the aim of sponsoring professional development in the life sciences, including microbiology, molecular biology, and chemistry; and

WHEREAS, the 2008 Science Teacher of the Year Award recipients are Ms. Laura Armand of Norma Butler Bossard Elementary School, Ms. Bertha Vazquez of George Washington Carver Middle School, and Mr. Carlos Montero of Dr. Michael M. Krop Senior High School; and

WHEREAS, the Beckman Coulter Senior High Science Educator Award recipient is Ms. Sandee Vicky Apang of Southwest Miami Senior High School;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 08-93 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the 2008 Miami-Dade County Public Schools Science Teacher of the Year and the Beckman Coulter Senior High Science Educator Award Winner.

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

Presented this fifteenth day of October, A.D. 2008

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary