

Ms. Ana Rivas Logan, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 08-98 OF
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING JOHN A. FERGUSON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
SENIOR JESSICA CERVANTES, WINNER OF THE
OPPENHEIMER FUNDS/NFTE NATIONAL YOUTH
ENTREPRENEURSHIP CHALLENGE**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

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

The National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE) provides entrepreneurship education programs to young people from low-income communities. The organization's vision is that every young person will find a path to prosperity. Since 1987, NFTE has worked with more than 186,000 students worldwide.

This year, 25,000 students across the U.S. competed in regional business plan competitions to qualify for 35 finalist spots in the Oppenheimer Funds/NFTE National Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge. The National Business Plan Competition took place in New York on October 23, 2008. The competition was judged by founders and executives from General Catalyst, the Boston Celtics, USA Network, Oppenheimer Funds, Inc., BlackRock, and Nantucket Nectars. Vision, originality, practicality, sustainability, and profitability were among the criteria that judges considered in analyzing the business plans.

Jessica Cervantes, a senior at John A. Ferguson Senior High School, was named the winner of this year's Oppenheimer Funds/NFTE National Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge for her business plan for Popsy Cakes. As the winner of the competition, Jessica was the recipient of \$10,000 to use towards her business or to further her education.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 08-98 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing John A. Ferguson Senior High School senior Jessica Cervantes, winner of the Oppenheimer Funds/NFTE National Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge.

**RESOLUTION NO. 08-98
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING
JOHN A. FERGUSON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR JESSICA CERVANTES,
WINNER OF THE OPPENHEIMER FUNDS/NFTE NATIONAL YOUTH
ENTREPRENEURSHIP CHALLENGE**

WHEREAS, the National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE) provides entrepreneurship education programs to young people from low-income communities; and

WHEREAS, this year, 25,000 students across the U.S. competed in regional business plan competitions to qualify for 35 finalist spots in the Oppenheimer Funds/NFTE National Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge; and

WHEREAS, the National Business Plan Competition took place in New York on October 23, 2008 and was judged by executives from several leading corporations; and

WHEREAS, vision, originality, practicality, sustainability, and profitability were among the criteria that judges considered in analyzing the business plans; and

WHEREAS, Jessica Cervantes, a senior at John A. Ferguson Senior High School, was named the winner of this year's Oppenheimer Funds/NFTE National Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge for her business plan for Popsy Cakes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 08-98 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing John A. Ferguson Senior High School senior Jessica Cervantes, winner of the Oppenheimer Funds/NFTE National Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge.

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

Presented this eighteenth day of November, A.D. 2008

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary