

Dr. Wilbert "Tee" Holloway, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-14 OF THE
 SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ENDORSING
 FEBRUARY AS "CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH"**

COMMITTEE: SCHOOL SUPPORT ACCOUNTABILITY

LINK TO DISTRICT

**STRATEGIC PLAN: INCREASE STUDENT EXPOSURE AND UNDERSTANDING OF
 GLOBAL ISSUES**

Career and Technical Education (CTE) prepares both youth and adults for a wide range of careers, from registered nurse to computer technician. These careers may require varying levels of education--from high school to postsecondary certificates to two- and four-year college degrees.

Miami-Dade County currently offers CTE programs in Agriscience Education, Business Technology Education, Diversified Education, Family and Consumer Sciences Education, Health Science Education, Industrial Education, Marketing Education, Public Service Education, and Technology Education.

CTE is offered in middle and high schools, technical centers, two and four-year colleges and other postsecondary schools.

There are 110, 947 secondary students and 6,016 postsecondary students currently enrolled in Miami-Dade County Public School's CTE classes.

During the 2007-2008 school year the Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs) competed at the State and National level competitions and received 1,077 State and 150 National awards.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, eighteen of the 20 fastest growing occupations within the next decade will require CTE.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

Dr. Wilbert "Tee" Holloway:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approves Resolution No. 09-14 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida recognizing "Career and Technical Education" month.

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-14 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE "CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION" MONTH.**

WHEREAS: February 1-28, 2009, has been designated Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month by the Association for Career and Technical Education; and

WHEREAS: profound economic and technological changes in our society are rapidly reflected in the structure and nature of work, thereby placing new and additional responsibilities on our educational system; and

WHEREAS: career and technical education provides Americans with a school-to-careers connection and is the backbone of a strong, well-educated workforce, which fosters productivity in business and industry and contributes to America's leadership in the international marketplace; and

WHEREAS: career and technical education gives high school students experience in practical, meaningful applications of basic skills such as reading, writing and mathematics, thus improving the quality of their education, motivating potential dropouts and giving all students leadership opportunities in their fields and in their communities; and

WHEREAS: CTE offers individuals lifelong opportunities to learn new skills, which provide them with career choices and potential satisfaction; and

WHEREAS: the ever-increasing cooperative efforts of career and technical educators, business and industry stimulate the growth and vitality of our local economy and that of the entire nation by preparing graduates for career fields forecast to experience the largest and fastest growth in the next decade;

Career and Technical Education

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approves Resolution No. _____, recognizing the "**Career and Technical Education**" month.

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

Presented this 11th day of February, A.D. 2009

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Chair

ATTEST:

SECRETARY