

Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-92 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE CITY OF HOMESTEAD EDUCATION COMMITTEE FOR ITS WORK ON BEHALF OF THE STUDENTS AND PARENTS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

**LINK TO DISTRICT
STRATEGIC PLAN: INCREASE ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE OF ALL STUDENTS**

Created five years ago by city ordinance, the City of Homestead Education Committee was established to assist local schools in promoting academic excellence and community involvement. The committee also advocated for the timely construction of more schools to serve the children of the rapidly growing Homestead area. The group has 15 voting members and approximately 60 advisory members.

A year ago, Miami-Dade County Public Schools entered into an education compact with the City of Homestead. Mayor Lynda Bell, Councilwoman Nazy Sierra, and the Homestead Education Committee members have been instrumental in fostering a strong relationship with the school district.

School performance grades for Miami-Dade County's public schools saw a dramatic rise this year, with a record number of "A" grades. This is a direct result of the dedicated students, teachers, parents, school site support staff, administrators and involved community members. Fifty-eight percent of the District's schools received a school performance grade of "A" for the 2008-2009 school year, and 90 percent of the schools received performance grades of "A", "B", or "C", while "D" and "F" grades decreased across the District. Homestead schools saw remarkable FCAT gains this year. Currently, Homestead has 11 "A" schools and one "F" school as opposed to the three "A" and six "F" schools it had two years ago.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. LAWRENCE FELDMAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-92 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the City of Homestead Education Committee for its work on behalf of the students and parents of Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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WHEREAS, created five years ago by city ordinance, the City of Homestead Education Committee was established to assist local schools in promoting academic excellence and community involvement. The committee also advocates for the timely construction of more schools to serve the children of the rapidly growing Homestead area; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools entered into an education compact with the City of Homestead; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Lynda Bell, Councilwoman Nazy Sierra, and the esteemed members of the Homestead Education Committee have been instrumental in fostering a strong relationship with the school district; and

WHEREAS, the City of Homestead Education Committee has worked towards encouraging the academic achievement of all schools and students

WHEREAS, Homestead has raised the level of academic achievement to include 11 "A" schools, as opposed to the three "A" schools two years ago;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-92 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the City of Homestead Education Committee for its work on behalf of the students and parents of Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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

Presented this fifteenth day of July, A.D. 2009

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary