

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Vice Chair

**SUBJECT:               REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 10-004 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ENDORSING MARCH 2010 AS "ARTS IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH," TO BE CELEBRATED IN ALL MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND AUTHORIZE ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS TO FOSTER RELATED ACTIVITIES**

**COMMITTEE:           INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:           EDUCATION**

Every year, schools and communities throughout the country designate March as the month for national observance of the benefits of the arts and to encourage support for arts education. In 1961, the Art & Creative Materials Institute, Inc. (ACMI), in cooperation with the National Art Education Association (NAEA), created Children's Art Month. In 1969, the observance was expanded to include secondary school students and was celebrated nationwide as Youth Art Month. The Council for Art Education, Inc. (CFAE) is the sponsor of Youth Art Month.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools has long been a major supporter of the arts in education. The arts and art education play an important role in providing students with a complete, well-rounded education and are proven to increase student achievement. Arts education also supports a child's academic and social development by helping to develop skills such as critical thinking, literacy, problem-solving, and effective communication. Students who consistently participate in rigorous and comprehensive arts programs are more likely to be recognized for academic achievement, elected to class office within their schools, participate in math and science fairs, and win awards for school attendance and writing.

Arts education programs help students build the skills necessary for success in the classroom, leading to overall improved academic performance, and have a positive influence on students' lives. The skills derived from arts education programs are a key component to the success of our future leaders - our students. Our diverse community prospers because of the many historical, cultural, social, and economic benefits that the arts and arts education provide to our students.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY VICE CHAIR  
PERLA TABARES HANTMAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 10-004 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing March 2010 as "Arts in Our Schools Month," to be celebrated in all Miami-Dade County Public Schools, and authorize administrative actions to foster related activities.

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**WHEREAS**, every year, schools and communities throughout the country designate March as the month for national observance of the benefits of the arts and to encourage support for arts education; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County Public Schools has long been a major supporter of the arts in education and the important role that the arts and art education play in providing students with a complete, well-rounded education; and

**WHEREAS**, arts education supports a child's academic and social development by helping to develop skills such as critical thinking, literacy, problem-solving, and effective communications; and

**WHEREAS**, the arts are proven to increase student achievement, and students who consistently participate in rigorous and comprehensive arts programs are more likely to prosper in an academic environment; and

**WHEREAS**, arts education programs help students build the skills necessary for success in the classroom, leading to overall improved academic performance, and have a positive influence on students' lives; and

**WHEREAS**, the skills derived from arts education programs are a key component to the success of our future leaders - our students, and our diverse community prospers because of the many historical, cultural, social, and economic benefits that the arts and arts education provide;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 10-004 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing March 2010 as "Arts in Our Schools Month," to be celebrated in all Miami-Dade County Public Schools, and authorizing administrative actions to foster related activities.

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

**Presented this tenth day of February, A.D. 2010**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary