

May 7, 2010

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Vice Chair

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 10-055 OF
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
HONORING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TEACHERS IN RECOGNITION OF "NATIONAL TEACHER DAY"**

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

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
FRAMEWORK: STUDENT, PARENT, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Each year, our nation celebrates the tremendous contributions of educators. "National Teacher Day" recognizes teachers for their exceptional work in the classroom and their dedication to enriching the lives of children. Teachers are the backbone of our schools, and they impact the lives of students through their hard work and commitment to excellence in their profession.

It was in 1944 when educator Mattye Whyte Woodridge of Kansas began corresponding with education and government leaders about the need for a national day celebrating teachers. Woodridge wrote to First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, who eventually convinced Congress to proclaim a "National Teacher Day" in 1953.

The National Education Association (NEA) and its affiliates lobbied Congress to create a national day honoring educators. As a result of their efforts, Congress declared March 7, 1980 as "National Teacher Day." Until 1985, the NEA and its affiliates continued to observe "National Teacher Day" on the first Tuesday in March. That year, the National PTA named the first full week in May "Teacher Appreciation Week." The NEA then voted to make Tuesday of that week "National Teacher Day." This year, "National Teacher Day" was observed on May 4, 2010 under the banner of "Great Teachers Make Great Public Schools."

Teachers use rigorous instruction and creative strategies to open a world of exploration and learning to students. Miami-Dade County Public Schools joins the nation in recognizing teachers for their pivotal role in preparing children for success in and outside of the classroom.

This item does not appear on the published Agenda. There is good cause to vary from the published Agenda in order to timely recognize "National Teacher Day."

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 10-055 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring Miami-Dade County Public Schools teachers in recognition of "National Teacher Day."

**GOOD CAUSE
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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
HONORING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS TEACHERS IN
RECOGNITION OF "NATIONAL TEACHER DAY"**

WHEREAS, each year, our nation celebrates the tremendous contributions of educators, recognizing teachers for their exceptional work in the classroom and their dedication to enriching the lives of children; and

WHEREAS, teachers are the backbone of our schools, and they impact the lives of students through their hard work and commitment to excellence in their profession; and

WHEREAS, in 1944 educator Mattye Whyte Woodridge of Kansas began corresponding with education and government leaders about the need for a national day celebrating teachers. Ms. Woodridge wrote to First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, who eventually convinced Congress to proclaim a "National Teacher Day" in 1953; and

WHEREAS, this year, "National Teacher Day" was observed on May 4, 2010 under the banner of "Great Teachers Make Great Public Schools"; and

WHEREAS, teachers use rigorous instruction and creative strategies to open a world of exploration and learning to students; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools joins the nation in recognizing teachers for their pivotal role in preparing children for success in and outside of the classroom;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 10-055 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring Miami-Dade County Public Schools teachers in recognition of "National Teacher Day."

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

Presented this twelfth day of May, A.D. 2010

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary