

Ms. Ana Rivas Logan, Board Member

**SUBJECT:** REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 10-050 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING HERBERT A. AMMONS MIDDLE SCHOOL DRAMA STUDENTS FOR THEIR PRODUCTION OF "INTO THE WOODS"

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

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

Herbert A. Ammons Middle School, an International Education Magnet, has impressive accolades including an International Baccalaureate Organization Middle Schools program and Blue Ribbon School status. Ammons Middle has received a school performance grade of "A" for nine consecutive school years. It was named a Top 100 Technology School in the United States by *Family PC Magazine* in 2001. In addition, it is home to a comprehensive drama program.

The school's drama students recently presented the Stephen Sondheim classic "*Into the Woods*" at Robert Morgan Educational Center. "*Into the Woods*" is a modern retelling of the Brothers Grimm fairy tales and their Cinderella, Rapunzel, Little Red Riding Hood and Jack and the Beanstalk characters. The play won multiple Tony and Drama Desk awards in 1988.

The school's version titled, "*Into the Woods, Junior*," was a labor of love for the school's drama students and teachers. Of the 200 students that auditioned for the play, 47 made up the cast and crew. The dedicated students spent 80 hours preparing for their performances. All 210 drama students shared responsibility in the daily production tasks. Under the direction of teacher Robin Barson, the play was a valuable learning experience for students. The students studied all aspects of theater production, including set design, prop management, costuming, ticket and program design, as well as publicity. Theater professionals acted as mentors to the Herbert A. Ammons Middle School drama students.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 10-050 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Herbert A. Ammons Middle School drama students for their production of "*Into the Woods*."

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-050  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING  
HERBERT A. AMMONS MIDDLE SCHOOL DRAMA STUDENTS FOR THEIR  
PRODUCTION OF "INTO THE WOODS"**

**WHEREAS**, Herbert A. Ammons Middle School, an International Education Magnet, has impressive accolades including an International Baccalaureate Organization Middle Schools program and Blue Ribbon School status. In addition, it is home to a comprehensive drama program; and

**WHEREAS**, the school's drama students recently presented the Stephen Sondheim classic *"Into the Woods"* at Robert Morgan Educational Center. *"Into the Woods,"* a modern retelling of the Brothers Grimm fairy tales and their Cinderella, Rapunzel, Little Red Riding Hood and Jack and the Beanstalk characters; and

**WHEREAS**, the school's version titled, *"Into the Woods, Junior,"* was a labor of love for the school's drama students and teachers. Of the 200 students that auditioned for the play, 47 made up the cast and crew. The dedicated students spent 80 hours preparing for their performances; and

**WHEREAS**, under the direction of teacher Ms. Robin Barson, the play was a valuable learning experience for students. The students studied all aspects of theater production, including set design, prop management, costuming, ticket and program design, as well as publicity; and

**WHEREAS**, theater professionals acted as mentors to the Herbert A. Ammons Middle School drama students;

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 10-050 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Herbert A. Ammons Middle School drama students for their production of *"Into the Woods."*

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