

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 11-034 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN RECOGNITION OF EDUCATION MONTH, AS ANNOUNCED BY PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO MIAMI CENTRAL SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

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

On Friday, March 4, 2011, President Barack Obama visited Miami Central Senior High School with U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, and former Florida Governor Jeb Bush. Miami Central Senior High was chosen for the visit because of its improved school performance. Miami Central Senior High School has seen dramatic results, including a 40-point increase in writing achievement, a 60-point increase in math, and almost doubling its graduation rate.

During the President's remarks to an audience of students, faculty, and community members he announced that the White House had designated March 2011 as "Education Month," and that it was because of the outstanding progress toward improvement made by the staff and students of Miami Central Senior High School that it was selected to kick-off Education Month. During the month of March, the President and U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan will travel across the country to speak to parents, students and educators about improving education through investments that are focused on responsibility, reform, and results.

The President has cited outstanding teachers and principals, a common mission, and a culture of high expectations as "what it takes to turn a school around." Miami-Dade County Public Schools is proud to have an abundance of each of these ingredients, and therefore, our schools are poised to continue the improvement that has brought Miami-Central Senior High and our entire District this historic recognition.

This item does not appear in the published Agenda. There exists good cause to vary from the published Agenda as Education Month was announced by the President on March 4, 2011, after the publication of the regular agenda for the March 9, 2011 School Board meeting.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-034 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, in recognition of Education Month, as announced by President Barack Obama during his recent visit to Miami Central Senior High School.

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OBAMA DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO MIAMI CENTRAL SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

**WHEREAS**, on Friday, March 4, 2011, President Barack Obama visited Miami Central Senior High School with U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, and former Florida Governor Jeb Bush; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami Central Senior High was chosen for the visit because of its improved school performance grade and it is an example of how federal support has transformed struggling schools; and

**WHEREAS**, the visit to Miami Central Senior High School served as a kick-off to Education Month; and

**WHEREAS**, during March 2011, the President and the U.S. Secretary of Education will travel across the country to speak to parents, students and educators about improving education through investments that are focused on responsibility, reform, and results; and

**WHEREAS**, the President's plan proposes major investments in education and programs like Race to the Top and School Improvement Grants to be able to win the race to educate our children.

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-034 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, in recognition of Education Month.

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

**Presented this ninth day of March, A.D. 2011**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary