

Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, Vice Chair

**SUBJECT:                   REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 12-081 OF  
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING THE WORK AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE  
GREATER MIAMI ATHLETIC CONFERENCE (GMAC)  
FOOTBALL OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION**

**COMMITTEE:           INSTRUCTIONAL       EXCELLENCE       AND       COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT**

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

The Greater Miami Athletic Conference (GMAC) is part of the Division of Athletics and Activities. The goal of the GMAC conference, in cooperation with the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA), is to protect the interest of high schools belonging to the conference and to promote pure amateur sports. The GMAC oversees the scheduling of all high school sports events, implementation and running of the events, and the assignment of officials for all public and private senior high schools in Miami-Dade County.

The GMAC also has 10 subsidiary officials organizations, one of which is the Football Officials Association. The GMAC Football Officials Association has served all Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) that field football teams for more than 75 years and has been named Association of the Year twice by the FHSAA for its leadership, innovation, diversity, and community involvement.

The GMAC Football Officials Association represents a diverse group of men and women who devote countless hours to both officiating and community service. Over the past two years, they have contributed over \$20,000 to charitable organizations and projects including the Jimmy V Blow the Whistle on Cancer project; provided grade appropriate school supplies to every student at Phillis Wheatley Elementary School; contributed time and services to the Fallen Hero project; developed a program to bridge the gap between high schools and their respective feeder pattern schools called Education Champions; and supported the "Galapagos Tools for Schools" program, a two-year effort to provide school supplies to needy children in the Galapagos Islands. Last year, the GMAC Football Association participated in the ING Miami Marathon Kickoff 5K race to raise money for charity. The group, known as "The Runnin' Refs," raised \$4,000 in support of the "Galapagos Tools for Schools" program and the Run for Something Better Foundation so that running shoes may be purchased for M-DCPS students who will participate in the 2013 Run for Something Better race.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends the Greater Miami Athletic Conference (GMAC) Football Coaches Association for its efforts on behalf of the students, parents, and families of Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-081 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the work and contributions of the Greater Miami Athletic Conference (GMAC) Football Officials Association.

**RESOLUTION NO. 12-081  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING THE WORK AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE GREATER MIAMI  
ATHLETIC CONFERENCE (GMAC) FOOTBALL OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Greater Miami Athletic Conference (GMAC) is part of the Division of Athletics and Activities. The goal of the GMAC conference, in cooperation with the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA), is to protect the interest of high schools belonging to the conference and to promote pure amateur sports; and

**WHEREAS**, the GMAC Football Officials Association serves all Miami-Dade County Public Schools that field football teams. The association has served students and high schools in Miami for more than 75 years; and

**WHEREAS**, the GMAC Football Officials Association has been named Association of the Year twice by the FHSAA for its leadership, innovation, diversity, and community involvement; and

**WHEREAS**, last year, the GMAC Football Officials Association participated in a 5K race to raise money for charity. The group, known as "The Runnin' Refs," raised \$4,000 in support of Galapagos Tools for Schools and the Run for Something Better Foundation; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends the Greater Miami Athletic Conference (GMAC) Football Coaches Association for its efforts on behalf of the students, parents, and families of Miami-Dade County Public Schools;

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-081 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the work and contributions of the Greater Miami Athletic Conference (GMAC) Football Officials Association.

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

**Presented this sixteenth day of May, A.D. 2012**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary