

Ms. Lubby Navarro, Board Member

Co-Sponsor: Ms. Susie Castillo, Board Member

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SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 15-096 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING DR. EDWARD DICKSON, TERRA ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE'S PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION (PTSA) & TERRA ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: INFORMED, ENGAGED AND EMPOWERED STAKEHOLDERS

For the past 4 years, these groups led by Dr. Ed Dickson, a Science teacher at TERRA, have sponsored/put together a boat safety program held at TERRA Environmental Research Institute. The "About Boating Safely (ABS)" is a full-day single-session program that focuses on providing students with the skills necessary to operate a boat safely. In 2012, the Boating Skills and Seamanship program consisted of 166 students. In 2013 the About Boating Safely program had 22 students. In 2014, 278 students attended and in 2015 there were 260 students.

The ABS course chapter overview consists of Chapter 1 – Know your Boat; Chapter 2 – Before you get Underway; Chapter 3 – Navigating the Waterways; Chapter 4 – Operating Your Vessel ... Safely; Chapter 5 – The Legal Requirements of Boating; Chapter 6 – Boating Emergencies ... What to do; Chapter 7 – Enjoying Water Sports with your Boat; and Finally, Final Exam and Certification.

Moreover, the course is instructed by U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 61 from Homestead, Florida. Additionally, after passing the final exam, the students are given a Florida boating safety education identification card.

MDCPS is grateful to Dr. Dickson, TERRA Parent Teacher Student Association and TERRA Environmental Research Institute for putting together a great boat safety program that could save lives.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
LUBBY NAVARRO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 15-096 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Dr. Edward Dickson, TERRA Environmental Research Institute's Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) and TERRA Environmental Research Institute.

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-096
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING DR. EDWARD DICKSON, TERRA ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH
INSTITUTE'S PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION (PTSA) & TERRA
ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE**

WHEREAS, the About Boating Safely is a one-day course offered to provide students with the skills necessary to operate a boat safely.

WHEREAS, Dr. Edward Dickson, an educator, has been instrumental in bringing the About Boating Safely to TERRA.

WHEREAS, the TERRA Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) helped bring the About Boating Safely to TERRA.

WHEREAS, TERRA Environmental Research Institute is recognized as the host school for this important boat safety course and we thank the principal, Ms. Carrie Montano, for her leadership.

WHEREAS, MDCPS is grateful to Dr. Dickson, TERRA Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) and TERRA Environmental Research Institute for putting together a boat safety program that could save lives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 15-096 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida recognizing Dr. Edward Dickson, TERRA Environmental Research Institute's Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) & TERRA Environmental Research Institute.

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

Presented this eighteenth day of November, A.D. 2015

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary