

Dr. Robert B. Ingram, Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 00-23 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING BELL SOUTH MOBILITY AS A DEDICATED DADE PARTNER AND RECIPIENT OF THE 1999-2000 CASEY AWARD

BellSouth Mobility is a Dade Partner, whose contributions are vital to the day-to-day operation of several programs that have resulted from the cooperative effort between Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) and law enforcement agencies. Among those programs are the Miami-Dade County State Attorney's Office (SAO) Truancy Intervention Program (TIP), the Juvenile Justice Support Program, and the Juvenile Assessment Center (JAC), all under the auspices of the district's Department of Special Programs. BellSouth Mobility provides cellular phones, air-time, and interactive pagers to SAO investigators and M-DCPS staff who are involved with the programs.

The partnership has allowed counselors, social workers, administrators, and staff from M-DCPS to access agencies and parents as well as to solve crisis situations for our students daily. The use of cellular phones and air-time is crucial to SAO investigators, who are sent out each evening to locate parents who did not attend a TIP meeting. The generous contribution of BellSouth Mobility has allowed SAO investigators to attain contact numbers and cross reference information immediately. To date, the SAO has successfully located thousands of parents.

In March 2000, BellSouth Mobility was presented with the 1999-2000 Casey Award in the Local Business/Organization Category by Youth Crime Watch of America, Inc. The award recognized BellSouth Mobility as an organization that provides leadership, resources, and exemplary support for youth crime watch prevention efforts and programs.

As a dedicated partner, BellSouth Mobility has chosen to support programs that are at the cutting edge of reducing juvenile crime, increasing academic achievement, and providing enhanced social services to families of M-DCPS students. From the start, its commitment to these programs has been evident, has had a profound impact on thousands of students and has promoted efficient program operation.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. ROBERT B. INGRAM: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 00-23 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing BellSouth Mobility as a dedicated Dade Partner and recipient of the 1999-2000 Casey Award.

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RESOLUTION NO. 00-23 OF THE
SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
RECOGNIZING BELLSOUTH MOBILITY AS A DEDICATED DADE PARTNER AND
RECIPIENT OF THE 1999-2000 CASEY AWARD

WHEREAS, BellSouth Mobility is an outstanding Dade Partner; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Miami-Dade County Public Schools students have benefitted from its commitment to youth crime prevention efforts and programs; and

WHEREAS, BellSouth Mobility was presented with the 1999-2000 Casey Award in the Local Business Organization category by Youth Crime Watch of America, Inc., for providing exemplary leadership, resources, and support for such programs as the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office Truancy Intervention Program, the Juvenile Justice Support Program, and the Juvenile Assessment Center; and

WHEREAS, its many significant contributions to this school district's innovative juvenile crime and truancy reduction programs have helped increase student achievement,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 00-23 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing BellSouth Mobility as a dedicated Dade Partner and recipient of the 1999-2000 Casey Award.

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

Presented this twenty-third day of August, A.D. 2000

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary