

July 9, 2001

Betsy H. Kaplan, Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, DIRECT THE SUPERINTENDENT TO EXPLORE THE FEASIBILITY OF HAVING FRAMED PORTRAITS OF GEORGE WASHINGTON, "THE FATHER OF OUR COUNTRY," AND WHOEVER IS THE CURRENT PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, AS WELL AS A COPY OF THE PREAMBLE OF THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION DISPLAYED IN THE OFFICE OF EACH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL

Teaching students about our nation's history and political heritage is an important responsibility of our schools. Throughout the K-12 instructional program, students are provided with the opportunity to learn about the foundations of our American form of democracy and the leaders who have established and led our nation, both past and present. Daily reminders of our nation's history and political heritage serve to reinforce the knowledge gained in class while also promoting a healthy sense of patriotic pride among students, as well as among administrators, teachers, parents and members of the community.

The purpose of this item is to explore the feasibility of placing framed portraits of George Washington, the current President of the United States, and the Preamble of the United States Constitution in all of Miami-Dade County Public Schools. By displaying these portraits and the copy of the Preamble in the office of each school, the valuable history lessons taught in our District's classrooms will be reinforced daily.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

MS. BETSY H. KAPLAN: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent to explore the feasibility of having framed portraits of George Washington, "The Father of Our Country," and whoever is the current President of the United States, as well as a copy of the Preamble to the United States Constitution displayed in the office of each Miami-Dade County Public School.

REPLACEMENT

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