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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 03-42 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 2003 AS COMPUTER LEARNING MONTH IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND AUTHORIZING ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS TO FOSTER RELATED ACTIVITIES

COMMITTEE: BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

Approval is requested for Resolution No. 03-42 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, proclaiming October 2003 as Computer Learning Month in Miami-Dade County Public Schools. Computer Learning Month is designed to focus attention on the important role computers, software, and other technologies play in the way teachers teach and the way students learn. Computer Learning Month is also a time to try new ways of using technology, to learn new technology products, and to share knowledge with others in our community.

The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 calls for all eighth grade students to attain computer literacy by 2006. The Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) will support this national effort with a series of online activities and competitions that will be hosted on the M-DCPS Education Portal at <http://portal.dadeschools.net>. The activities and competitions are designed to be easily integrated into the classroom and are focused on important topics related to technology. They involve student research, creativity, and communication. Teachers are encouraged to use the various technology resources on the Education Portal that are designed to impact student achievement and promote mastery of the Sunshine State Standards. The resources include quality assessment tools, research databases, lesson plans, online professional development opportunities, and interactive lessons in mathematics and science.

Additional events include the Enhancing Education Through Technology Leadership Symposium hosted by the Division of Instructional Technology and Media Support Services, on October 17, 2003.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution 03-42 of the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida proclaiming October 2003 as Computer Learning Month in Miami-Dade County Public Schools and to authorize administrative actions to foster related activities.

RESOLUTION NO. 03-42
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 2003
AS COMPUTER LEARNING MONTH IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, the quest for knowledge by students is stimulated and developed through the use of technological resources and services provided by instructional technology programs; and

WHEREAS, instructional technology programs provide access to a wide variety of necessary educational materials such as computer software and information databases, as well as Internet resources; and

WHEREAS, instructional technology programs are vital to building a nation of computer literate and independent learners; and

WHEREAS, technology offers unlimited potential to teachers and students for communication to enhance the skills necessary for lifelong learning; and

WHEREAS, the ***NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT of 2001*** calls for all eighth grade students to attain computer literacy by the year 2006; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools affirms the significance and importance of this merited recognition;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 03-42 of the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida proclaiming October 2003 as Computer Learning Month in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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

Presented this 10th day of September, A.D. 2003

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Chair

ATTEST:

Secretary