

Ms. Betsy H. Kaplan, Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 03-48 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ENDORSING NOVEMBER 16-22, 2003, AS AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK, TO BE OBSERVED IN ALL OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

In an effort to help increase public understanding of and appreciation for our nation's public schools, to encourage parents and non-parents to visit schools, to build civic pride in and support for education and, most important, to make America's public schools great for every child, the United States Department of Education and several national organizations are sponsoring American Education Week, November 16-22, 2003. The theme for this year's celebration is "Children-Schools-Parents: Helping Students Achieve."

Making our public schools the very best they can be requires a commitment from every member of a community, from its children to its retired citizens, from its community activists to its educators, from its business partners to its elected officials. American Education Week presents a great opportunity to increase and strengthen such involvement, and we, in Miami-Dade County Public Schools, are committed to doing that. By doing a good job of educating and letting our community know about it, community members will be reminded that our schools are places for learning, making friends and experimenting with new ideas – places where students of all ages are provided with both skills and hope for the future.

Today's students are tomorrow's leaders, employees, citizens, voters and taxpayers. They will play a major role in shaping our future; hence, it is appropriate for our School Board to adopt a resolution endorsing American Education Week and to encourage the accomplishment of its goals.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**MS. BETSY H. KAPLAN:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida approve Resolution No. 03-48 of the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing November 16-22, 2003 as American Education Week, to be observed in all of Miami-Dade County's public schools.

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**WHEREAS**, America's schools are the backbone of our democracy — places where young people are provided with the tools they will need to maintain our nation's precious values of freedom, civility and equality; and

**WHEREAS**, schools are the center of a community, bringing together adults and children, educators and volunteers, business leaders and elected officials in a common enterprise — education; and

**WHEREAS**, by equipping young Americans with basic skills as well as broader intellectual abilities, schools give them hope for and access to a productive future; and

**WHEREAS**, as the theme for American Education Week, "Children-Schools-Parents: Helping Students Achieve," rings throughout America, these points will be emphasized; and

**WHEREAS**, educators, as well as many others involved with our schools, work tirelessly to serve our children and communities with care, commitment and professionalism; and

**WHEREAS**, there is nothing more crucial to the health and the future of our nation than education;

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 03-48 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing November 16-22, 2003, as American Education Week, to be observed in all of Miami-Dade County's public schools.

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

Presented this twenty-second day of October, A. D. 2003

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary