

Agustin J. Barrera, Chair

**SUBJECT:                   REQUEST THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 07-35 ENDORSING THE COCONUT GROVE ARTS FESTIVAL SCHOLARSHIP PROJECT**

**COMMITTEE:               INSTRUCTIONAL       EXCELLENCE       AND       COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN:       ENGAGE COMMUNITY PARTNERS IN THE SUPPORT OF DISTRICT INITIATIVES**

This year, February 17-19, the Coconut Grove Arts Festival celebrated its 44<sup>th</sup> year of highlighting the finest artists and craftsmen in the world at one of the nation's premier outdoor fine arts festivals. A signature event of the South Florida cultural calendar, the arts festival offers visitors the opportunity to meet with exhibiting artists, sample fine cuisine, enjoy live entertainment, and take a walk through history. Children also have the opportunity to create their own works of art in the Coconut Grove Bank Kids Creative Corner.

The Coconut Grove Arts Festival is produced by the Coconut Grove Arts and Historical Association, Inc. The arts festival attracts more than 150,000 people annually to view the works of over 330 artists. The categories of art featured at the arts festival include clay work, jewelry and metal work, digital art, photography, watercolor, and printmaking and drawing.

In an effort to promote education and encourage students to further their studies upon graduating from high school, the Coconut Grove Arts Festival has partnered with the District's Division of Life Skills and Special Projects to provide scholarships to students. Two students who have demonstrated improvement from each of the District's five Fine Arts Talent programs are awarded a \$1,000 scholarship each.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**AGUSTIN BARRERA:**   That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida approve Resolution No. 07-35 endorsing the Coconut Grove Arts Festival Scholarship Project.

**RESOLUTION NO. 07-35 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,  
FLORIDA, ENDORSING THE COCONUT GROVE ARTS  
FESTIVAL SCHOLARSHIP PROJECT**

Whereas, in 2007 the Coconut Grove Arts Festival celebrated 44 years of highlighting the finest artists and craftsmen in the world; and

Whereas, the Coconut Grove Arts Festival is one of the nation's premier outdoor fine arts festivals and a signature event of the South Florida cultural calendar; and

Whereas, the Coconut Grove Arts Festival offers visitors the opportunity to meet with exhibiting artists, sample fine cuisine, enjoy live entertainment and take a walk through history; and

Whereas, the Coconut Grove Arts Festival also provides children an opportunity to create their own works of art in the Coconut Grove Bank Kids Creative Corner; and

Whereas, the Coconut Grove Arts Festival attracts more than 150,000 people annually to view the works of over 330 artists; and

Whereas, being strong advocates of education, the Coconut Grove Arts Festival has partnered with the Miami-Dade County Public Schools Division of Life Skills and Special Projects to award two scholarships each to students in the District's five Fine Arts Talent programs;

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 07-35 endorsing the Coconut Grove Arts Festival Scholarship Project.

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

**Presented this thirteenth day of June, A.D. 2007**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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SECRETARY