

Ms. Ana Rivas Logan, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION No. 08-05 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, COMMENDING THE *YOUTH CRIME WATCH OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY* FOR BEING NAMED AS THE *CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAM OF THE YEAR*

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: ENSURE ACHIEVEMENT OF HIGH ACADEMIC STANDARDS BY ALL STUDENTS

The National Crime Prevention Council has named *Youth Crime Watch of Miami-Dade County* as its *Crime Prevention Program of the Year* for cities with more than 250,000 people beating out 5,000 other nominees for the award.

The Council described the program as "a catalyst for community crime prevention activities in Miami". They have served more than 33,000 students in the past year. McGruff has made more than 900 appearances in schools and in the surrounding areas of Miami-Dade County.

For the past three years, Ms. Carmen Caldwell, Executive Director of the program and her outstanding staff have participated in the *Be a Street Smart Family Safety* event engaging families in the community and preparing our children for difficult and unsafe situations. Preparing children and families with safety has been the Youth Crime Watch's main goal.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. ANA RIVAS LOGAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 08-05 commending the *Youth Crime Watch of Miami-Dade County* for being named as the *Crime Prevention Program of the Year* by the National Crime Prevention Council.

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FLORIDA, COMMENDING THE YOUTH CRIME WATCH OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
FOR BEING NAMED THE CRIME PREVENTION PROGRAM OF THE YEAR**

WHEREAS, *Youth Crime Watch of Miami-Dade County* was named *Crime Prevention Program of the Year* by the National Crime Prevention Council; and

WHEREAS, *Youth Crime Watch of Miami-Dade County* was selected for the award from among 5,000 nominees; and

WHEREAS, the program, which has been a catalyst for community crime prevention activities in Miami, has served more than 33,000 students in the past year, including more than 900 appearances by McGruff the Crime Dog; and

WHEREAS, for the past three years, Ms. Carmen Caldwell, Executive Director, and her staff have participated in the *Be a Street Smart Family Safety* event which engages families and prepares children for dangerous and difficult situations; and

WHEREAS, the *Youth Crime Watch of Miami-Dade County* is to be congratulated for its accomplishments and its selection as *Crime Prevention Program of the Year*,

ADDED

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida approve Resolution No. 08-05, commending the *Youth Crime Watch of Miami-Dade County* for being named the *Crime Prevention Program of the Year*.

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

Presented this sixteenth day of January, A.D. 2008

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY