

Ms. Evelyn Langlieb Greer, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL RESOLUTION NO. 08-28 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA RECOGNIZING APRIL 14 THROUGH APRIL 18 AS TEACH FOR AMERICA WEEK IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

COMMITTEE: SCHOOL SUPPORT ACCOUNTABILITY

LINK TO DISTRICT: RECRUITING OUR COUNTRY'S BEST AND BRIGHTEST YOUNG COLLEGE GRADUATES INTO THE FIELD OF EDUCATION AND TEACHING POSITIONS HERE IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Teach For America's mission is to build the movement to eliminate educational inequity by enlisting our nation's most promising future leaders in this effort. The organization annually builds a diverse, highly selective corps of top recent college graduates and professionals—individuals of all academic majors, career interests, and backgrounds—who commit two years to teach in low-income communities and become lifelong leaders in the fight to ensure all children have the opportunity for an equal education.

Since its founding in 1990, Teach For America has become the nation's largest provider of teachers for low income communities and has been recognized for building a pipeline of leaders committed to educational equity and excellence.

Over the past 17 years, nearly 17,000 individuals have joined Teach For America and currently, over 5,000 Teach For America corps members (90 of whom are teaching here in Miami-Dade) are working daily with students who are profoundly affected by the achievement gap that exists between children born in low-income communities and those from wealthier areas.

This April, during Teach For America Week 2008, more than 200 distinguished guest teachers from the areas of business, politics and the arts will donate an hour of their time to help raise awareness about the challenges facing students in low-income communities and demonstrate that when students are given the educational opportunities they deserve, they reach their highest potential.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. EVELYN LANGLIEB GREER:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 08-28 recognizing April 14 through April 18, 2008 as Teach For America Week in all of Miami-Dade County's public schools.

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RECOGNIZING APRIL 14 THROUGH APRIL 18 AS
TEACH FOR AMERICA WEEK
IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, Teach for America's mission is to build the movement to eliminate educational inequity by enlisting our nation's most promising future leaders to teach and become involved in public education; and

WHEREAS, since its founding in 1990, Teach For America has become the nation's largest provider of teachers to low income communities and has been recognized for building a pipeline of leaders committed to educational equity and excellence; and

WHEREAS, over the past 17 years nearly 17,000 individuals have joined Teach For America and currently over 5,000 Teach For America corps members, of whom more than 90 are teaching in Miami-Dade County Public Schools, are working daily with students who are profoundly affected by the achievement gap; and

WHEREAS, during Teach For America Week, April 14 through April 18, more than 200 distinguished guest teachers from all areas of business, politics and the arts will donate an hour of their time to help raise awareness about the educational challenges facing students in low-income communities; and

WHEREAS, Teach For America is committed to giving students the educational opportunities they deserve so that they reach their highest potential;

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 08-28, recognizing April 14 through April 18, 2008 as Teach For America Week 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 twelfth day of March, A.D. 2008

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary