

Dr. Wilbert "Tee" Holloway, Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 08-22 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA COMMENDING METRO-MIAMI ACTION PLAN (MMAP) TRUST, THE FLORIDA MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. INSTITUTE FOR NONVIOLENCE, AND THE MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. (MLK) LEADERSHIP ACADEMY FOR THE EXCEPTIONAL AND SUCCESSFUL TRAINING EACH ORGANIZATION PROVIDES TO OUR STUDENTS

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: DEVELOP OUR STUDENTS SO THEY ARE ABLE TO SUCCESSFULLY COMPETE IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMY

Metro-Miami Action Plan (MMAP) is an organization committed to addressing the socio-economic disparity of Miami-Dade County's Black community by advocating and coordinating initiatives and programs for the benefit of the community at large. Representatives from the public and private sectors work together with the community to change the way people interrelate for the mutual benefit of all. The MMAP Trust specializes in program administration, special community initiatives and advocacy in the areas of housing, economic development, criminal justice and education. The organization is committed to creating an educational environment for Miami-Dade County's at-risk youth.

The MMAP Trust understands the importance of providing students with a quality education and preparing them to be productive citizens. As such, MMAP administers the Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Leadership Academy, where students benefit from diverse cultural peer interaction, staff-student mentoring, judicial and entrepreneurial training, computer instruction, and various extracurricular activities. The school's specialized curriculum has exposed students to nonviolence management, lowered incidents of disruptive behavior, helped increase their grade point average, increased school attendance, and decreased the dropout rate of individual students. As a result, students experience positive changes in their social and academic development and are able to flourish once they return to a traditional classroom setting.

Mr. John T. Jones Jr., Chairperson of the MMAP Trust and Dr. Marzell Smith, MMAP Education Action Committee Chairperson, are to be recognized for their efforts on behalf of the youth of Miami-Dade County and their support of Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. WILBERT "TEE" HOLLOWAY:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 08-22 commending Metro-Miami Action Plan (MMAP) Trust, The Florida Martin Luther King, Jr. Institute for Nonviolence, and the Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Leadership Academy for the exceptional and successful training each organizations provides to our students.

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FLORIDA COMMENDING METRO-MIAMI ACTION PLAN (MMAP) TRUST, THE FLORIDA
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WHEREAS, the Metro-Miami Action Plan (MMAP) is committed to addressing the socio-economic disparity of Miami-Dade County's Black community by advocating and coordinating initiatives and programs for the benefit of the community at large; and

WHEREAS, the MMAP is committed to creating an educational environment for Miami-Dade County's at-risk youth; and

WHEREAS, the MMAP Trust understands the importance of providing students with a quality education and preparing them to be productive citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Leadership Academy is a specialized program of Miami-Dade County Public Schools where intensive support in academics and social development are key components of its successful teaching techniques; and

WHEREAS, The Florida Martin Luther King, Jr. Institute for Nonviolence, through MMAP, plays an important role in instructing the students at the MLK Leadership Academy as well as entities around the world in nonviolent solutions to economic, educational, political, social, and cultural conflicts embodying the heritage, ideals, and concerns for peace and social justice as exemplified by the philosophy and nonviolent leadership taught by the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and } Revised

WHEREAS, as a result of the school's curriculum, students experience positive changes in their social and academic development and are able to flourish once they return to a traditional classroom setting; and

WHEREAS, Mr. John T. Jones Jr., Chairperson of the MMAP Trust and Dr. Marzell Smith, MMAP Education Action Committee Chairperson, are to be recognized for their efforts on behalf of the youth of Miami-Dade County and their support of Miami-Dade County Public Schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 08-22 commending Metro-Miami Action Plan (MMAP) Trust, The Florida Martin Luther King, Jr. Institute for Nonviolence and the Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK) Leadership Academy for the exceptional and successful training each organization provides to our students. } Revised

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