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School Operations

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 08-85 OF
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 13-17, 2008, AS
NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK**

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

**LINK TO DISTRICT
STRATEGIC PLAN: ENHANCED STUDENT WELLNESS EDUCATION**

The Department of Food and Nutrition and Dade County School Food Service Association request that the Board adopt Resolution No. 08-85 proclaiming the week of October 13-17, 2008, as National School Lunch Week. National School Lunch Week is a special week made possible by the School Nutrition Association, when attention is focused on the benefits of school meals.

The primary goal of the Child Nutrition Program is to improve the health and nutritional status of students. This year's theme "**Vote for School Lunch 08**" will deliver important messages about the National School Lunch Program and provide a fun way for students to get involved in the voting process. Activities to promote the theme, "**Vote for School Lunch 08**" during National School Lunch Week include a national on-line "poll" for students to select their favorite lunch choice at www.VoteForSchoolLunch.org, menu promotions highlighting nutritious choices, press releases promoting school lunch and letters to parents highlighting the benefits of school lunch.

Studies have shown that students who consume nutritious meals have the greatest success in school. Food service managers have been provided materials to involve principals, teachers, students, parents, and the community in planned nutrition-related activities during this special week. These materials include nutrition-related activity sheets for students, suggestions to run school-wide "campaigns" for student's favorite lunch items and ideas for community involvement, such as inviting government leaders, parents and other guests to visit school lunch programs during this celebratory week.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, adopt Resolution No. 08-85 proclaiming the week of October 13-17, 2008, as National School Lunch Week.

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WHEREAS, for over 30 years, the National School Lunch Program has contributed to the health and educational development of Florida's children; and

WHEREAS, the National School Lunch Program promotes the increased consumption of high-quality, nutritious agricultural products from Florida; and

WHEREAS, recent studies indicate that students who eat lunch have improved math grades and reading scores, increased attention, reduced absence and tardy rates, and improved psycho-social behaviors; and

WHEREAS, the National School Lunch Program serves the nation's children by providing meals that enhance their readiness to learn and to succeed in school; and

WHEREAS, The Florida Nutrition Association and the National School Nutrition Association collaborate with other organizations dedicated to the educational success of America's children by creating public awareness of the impact of hunger of a child's ability to learn.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution 08-85 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, proclaiming October 13-17, 2008, as National School Lunch Week and encourages all school principals, teachers, and students to participate in the planned activities of this week.

Presented this 10th day of September, A.D. 2008

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

Chair

ATTEST:

Secretary