

Dr. Wilbert "Tee" Holloway, Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 08-83 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, CONGRATULATING MIAMI GARDENS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR THEIR EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE ON THE 2008 FLORIDA COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT TEST

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

Miami Gardens Elementary School, located in the city of Miami Gardens, was built in 1970 and serves students from pre-kindergarten through fifth grade. Miami Gardens Elementary enriches its "community of learners" by conveying an atmosphere of high academic standards, respect for cultural diversity and individual differences. The school has established and maintained many "family traditions" within the community that have resulted in shared trust and ownership among stakeholders. Within the past two years, four teachers have sought advanced degrees and three teachers have received National Board Certification.

In February and March, the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) was administered to students in grades 3-11 as part of the state's overall plan to increase student achievement. The FCAT consists of criterion-referenced tests measuring selected benchmarks in the areas of mathematics, reading, science, and writing and norm-referenced tests measuring individual student performance against national norms in the areas of reading and mathematics.

Miami Gardens Elementary School students performed exceptionally well on the FCAT. The hard work and dedication of the school's students, parents, teachers, and administrators resulted in gains on the FCAT and an increase in the school's performance grade from an "F" to a "B." Principal Johnnie P. Brown, the staff, and students of Miami Gardens Elementary School are to be commended for their perseverance, hard work, and commitment to academic excellence.

ACTION PROPOSED BY DR. WILBERT "TEE" HOLLOWAY: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 08-83 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, congratulating Miami Gardens Elementary School for their exceptional performance on the 2008 Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test.

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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
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EXCEPTIONAL PERFORMANCE ON THE 2008 FLORIDA COMPREHENSIVE
ASSESSMENT TEST**

WHEREAS, Miami Gardens Elementary School, located in the city of Miami Gardens, serves students from pre-kindergarten through fifth grade; and

WHEREAS, Miami Gardens Elementary enriches its "community of learners" by conveying an atmosphere of high academic standards, respect for cultural diversity and individual differences; and

WHEREAS, in February and March, the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) was administered to students in grades 3-11 as part of the state's overall plan to increase student achievement; and

WHEREAS, the FCAT consists of criterion-referenced tests measuring selected benchmarks in the areas of mathematics, reading, science, and writing and norm-referenced tests measuring individual student performance against national norms in the areas of reading and mathematics; and

WHEREAS, the hard work and dedication Miami Gardens Elementary School students, parents, teachers, and administrators resulted in gains on the FCAT and an increase in the school's performance grade from an "F" to a "B"; and

WHEREAS, Principal Johnnie P. Brown, the staff, and students of Miami Gardens Elementary School are to be commended for their perseverance, hard work, and commitment to academic excellence;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 08-83 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, congratulating Miami Gardens Elementary School for their exceptional performance on the 2008 Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test.

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

Presented this tenth day of September, A.D. 2008

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary