

Dr. Wilbert "Tee" Holloway, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 08-84 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, CONGRATULATING NORTH BEACH ELEMENTARY, SILVER BLUFF ELEMENTARY, G.W. CARVER ELEMENTARY, FLAGAMI ELEMENTARY, MIAMI EDISON MIDDLE, MIAMI SPRINGS MIDDLE, AND FELIX VARELA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS FOR RECEIVING NATIONAL RECOGNITION AND MEETING THE HEALTHY SCHOOLS CRITERIA FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION, NUTRITION, AND WELLNESS

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE RETURN AND INVESTMENT OF GRANT DOLLARS

To combat the growing epidemic of childhood obesity leading to diseases such as cardiovascular disease, high blood pressure, elevated cholesterol, and type-2 diabetes, the American Heart Association and the William J. Clinton Foundation have joined together to form the Alliance for a Healthier Generation. The Alliance's goal is to stop the nationwide increase in childhood obesity by taking bold, innovative steps to help all children live longer and healthier lives.

The Alliance further believes that healthy school environments are essential to equipping students with the knowledge and skills necessary to make healthy choices and reinforcing the importance of those healthy choices through opportunities for students to eat healthy foods and participate in physical education and physical activity.

To assist Miami-Dade County Public Schools in achieving the goal of developing healthy schools, The Michael and Susan Dell Foundation awarded a four-year \$2 million grant to the Alliance to implement the Healthy Schools Program district wide. This is the first district wide national roll out of the Healthy Schools Program in an urban setting. Locally, The Health Foundation of South Florida contributed \$400,000 and the Peacock Foundation contributed \$300,000 to ensure full implementation over the four year period.

During the 2007-2008 school year, seven schools from Miami-Dade County, who worked diligently throughout the year to meet the challenge of transforming their schools into healthy environments according to national standards, were among the 43 schools recognized by former President William J. Clinton at the William J. Clinton Presidential Library in Little Rock, Arkansas. The nationally recognized schools and their level of achievement are North Beach Elementary, Bronze; Silver Bluff Elementary, Bronze; G.W. Carver Elementary, Bronze; Flagami Elementary, Bronze; Miami Edison Middle, Bronze; Miami Springs Middle, Silver; and Felix Varela Senior High, Bronze.

The principals, teachers, and students are to be commended for their dedication and outstanding commitment to developing a healthy school environment.

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

That The School Board of Miami- Dade County, Florida approve of Resolution No. 08-84 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, congratulating North Beach Elementary, Silver Bluff Elementary, G.W. Carver Elementary, Flagami Elementary, Miami Edison Middle, Miami Springs Middle, and Felix Varela Senior High schools for receiving national recognition and meeting the healthy schools criteria for physical education and wellness.

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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, CONGRATULATING NORTH BEACH ELEMENTARY, SILVER BLUFF ELEMENTARY, G.W. CARVER ELEMENTARY, FLAGAMI ELEMENTARY, MIAMI EDISON MIDDLE, MIAMI SPRINGS MIDDLE, AND FELIX VARELA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS FOR RECEIVING NATIONAL RECOGNITION AND MEETING THE HEALTHY SCHOOLS CRITERIA FOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION, NUTRITION, AND WELLNESS

WHEREAS, North Beach Elementary, Silver Bluff Elementary, G.W. Carver Elementary, Flagami Elementary, Miami Edison Middle, Miami Springs Middle, and Felix Varela Senior High schools are recipients of the Alliance for a Healthier Generation 2007-2008 Healthy Schools Program National Recognition Award; and

WHEREAS, the nation's leadership recognizes that physical inactivity and proper nutrition are serious, nationwide health problems among today's youth; and

WHEREAS, physical activity and proper nutrition are necessary to support growth in children, and essential to the continuing health and well-being of all youth, of all ethnicities and abilities; and

WHEREAS, physical activity reduces the risks of cardiovascular disease, high blood pressure, diabetes, chronic low back pain, and certain types of cancers; and

WHEREAS, the National Recognition Award is an honor given nationally to showcase and acknowledge schools that have implemented changes in order to create healthier school environments ; and

WHEREAS, this year, 43 public and private schools were recognized nationally, including seven from Miami-Dade County Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida wishes to recognize the administration, staff and students for this considerable achievement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 08-84 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, congratulating North Beach Elementary, Silver Bluff Elementary, G.W. Carver Elementary, Flagami Elementary, Miami Edison Middle, Miami Springs Middle, and Felix Varela Senior High schools for receiving national recognition and meeting the healthy schools criteria for physical education and wellness.

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

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary