

Dr. Wilbert "Tee" Holloway, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 08-87 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ENDORSING THE PARTICIPATION OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN A DRIVE TO COLLECT CLOTHING AND NON-PERISHABLE FOODS TO ASSIST IN RELIEF EFFORTS FOR AREAS AFFECTED BY THE HURRICANE SEASON

LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: INCREASE STUDENT EXPOSURE AND UNDERSTANDING OF GLOBAL ISSUES AND ECONOMY

Since the start of the 2008 Hurricane season, several storms have devastated the Caribbean. In the aftermath of the most recent storm, Hurricane Ike, families and displaced communities are seeking immediate relief and resources. In Haiti alone, more than 300 lives have been lost and 82,000 more have been displaced.

The employees and students of Miami-Dade County Public Schools can make a significant impact to these devastated regions by supporting the relief efforts of local and national organizations. The Superintendent of Schools, administration, staff and students have an opportunity to join with others around the nation to demonstrate community service on a global level.

It is important for students to learn and understand that service extends beyond their local communities to other countries and regions. Participation in this relief effort will teach students the importance of global citizenship and agency-to-agency collaboration in providing support and assistance to those in need worldwide.

Principals should hold an emergency relief drive at their schools to collect non-perishable food items. Other items needed include first aid items and clothing.

This item does not appear on the published agenda. There is exists good cause to vary from the published agenda as the impacted region is in desperate need of relief supplies and any assistance that can be provided should not be delayed.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 08-87, of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing the participation of Miami-Dade County Public Schools in a drive to collect clothing and non-perishable foods to assist in relief efforts for areas affected by the hurricane season.

**GOOD CAUSE
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WHEREAS, since the start of the 2008 hurricane season, several storms have devastated the Caribbean; and

WHEREAS, in the aftermath of the most recent storm, Hurricane Ike, families and displaced communities are seeking immediate relief and resources; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Schools, employees and students of Miami-Dade County Public Schools can make a significant impact to these devastated regions by supporting relief efforts of local and national organizations; and

WHEREAS, it is important for students to learn and understand that service extends beyond their local communities to other countries and regions; and

WHEREAS, participation in this relief effort will teach students the importance of global citizenship and agency-to-agency collaboration in providing support and assistance to those in need;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 08-87, of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing the participation of Miami-Dade County Public Schools in a drive to collect clothing and non-perishable foods to assist in relief efforts for areas affected by the hurricane season.

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

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

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary