

Dr. Solomon C. Stinson, Chair

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 0-A4 OF
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING LAKENYA SANDERS-SHARPE,
SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS TEACHER AT VAN E.
BLANTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AS THE RECIPIENT
OF THE \$25,000 MILKEN NATIONAL EDUCATOR AWARD**

COMMITTEE: SCHOOL SUPPORT AND ACCOUNTABILITY

**LINK TO DISTRICT
STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE STAFF SATISFACTION AT ALL LEVELS**

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Ms. LaKenya Sanders-Sharpe, Science and Mathematics teacher at Van E. Blanton Elementary School, was awarded a \$25,000 Milken National Educator Award in a surprise ceremony held at Van E. Blanton. Ms. Pam Stewart, Deputy Chancellor, Florida Department of Education, presented the award.

Ms. Lakenya Sanders-Sharpe began her career in Miami Dade County Public Schools in October 2005 at Van E. Blanton. Ms. Lakenya Sanders-Sharpe is a graduate of Nova Southeastern University with a degree as an Educational Specialist, Masters of Arts in Education from the University of Phoenix and a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Florida. Ms. Sanders-Sharpe is to be commended for her commitment and dedication by engaging students and finding different ways to reach students so they get it. "She steps out of the box".

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. SOLOMON C. STINSON:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 0-A4 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida recognizing Lakenya Sanders-Sharpe, Science and Mathematics teacher at Van E. Blanton Elementary, as the recipient of the \$25,000 Milken National Educator Award.

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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING
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BLANTON, WINNER OF THE MILKEN NATIONAL EDUCATOR AWARD

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Whereas, the Milken Educator Awards are announced each year at exciting surprise notifications held in all-school assemblies, attended by thousands of students all across the country. Foundation representatives and the chief state school officer make the Award announcements in the company of federal, state and local dignitaries, often including the young and older alike, to the American teaching profession.

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 0-A4 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing LaKenya Sanders-Sharpe, Science and Mathematics Teacher at Van E. Blanton Elementary, as the recipient of the \$25,000 Milken National Educator Award.

A copy of this resolution is placed it he permanent records of this Board.

Presented this 10th Day of December, A.D. 2008

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary