

Dr. Solomon C. Stinson, Chair

SUBJECT: **REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 08-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** } Revise

COMMITTEE: **SCHOOL SUPPORT AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

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

The Milken Family Foundation National Educator Awards program provides public recognition and financial rewards to elementary and secondary school teachers, principals and other education professionals who are furthering excellence in education. By honoring outstanding educators, the program strives to attract, develop, motivate and retain talented people to the challenge and adventure of teaching.

In the early 1980s, education reform pioneer Lowell Milken conceived and created an awards program to acknowledge educators' crucial contributions to our national well-being. His main belief was—and is—that an effective way to advance the teaching profession is to reward educators' achievements, enhance their resources, and expand their professional interests.

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. 08-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. } Revise

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RESOLUTON NO. 08-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

WHEREAS, the Milken Family Foundation National Educator Awards program provides public recognition and financial rewards to elementary and secondary school teachers, principals and other education professionals who are furthering excellence in education. By honoring outstanding educators, the program strives to attract, develop, motivate and retain talented people to the challenge and adventure of teaching; and

WHEREAS, in the early 1980s, education reform pioneer Lowell Milken conceived and created an awards program to acknowledge educators' crucial contributions to our national well-being. The awards program promotes Milken's belief that an effective way to advance the teaching profession is to reward educators' achievements, enhance their resources, and expand their professional interests; and

WHEREAS, the Milken Educator Awards are announced each year at exciting surprise notifications held in 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 neophytes and veterans, to the American teaching profession; and

WHEREAS, 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 the school. Ms. Pam Stewart, Deputy Chancellor, Florida Department of Education, presented the award; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Sanders-Sharpe began her career in Miami-Dade County Public Schools in October 2005 at Van E. Blanton Elementary School. Ms. Sanders-Sharpe is a graduate of Nova Southeastern University. She is also a graduate of the University of Phoenix, having received a Masters of Arts degree in Education, and the University of Florida, having earned a Bachelor of Arts degree;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 08-A04 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.

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

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

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary