

Ms. Ana Rivas Logan, Board Member

**SUBJECT:** REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-21 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA RECOGNIZING CALUSA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, LEEWOOD K-8 CENTER, AND HERBERT A. AMMONS MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR THEIR RECENT NOMINATION FOR THE 2009 NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND – BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS AWARD

**COMMITTEE:** INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

**LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN:** INCREASE ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE OF ALL STUDENTS

Since 1982, the U.S. Department of Education's Blue Ribbon Schools Program has honored many of America's most successful schools. A Blue Ribbon School flag waving overhead has become a trademark of excellence, a symbol of quality recognized by everyone from parents to policymakers in thousands of communities. In 2002, the program was renewed to connect it with the goals of the No Child Left Behind Act.

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The State of Florida has nominated Calusa Elementary School, Leewood K-8 Center, and Herbert A. Ammons Middle School for the 2009 No Child Left Behind – Blue Ribbon Schools award. The No Child Left Behind-Blue Ribbon Schools award distinguishes and honors schools for helping students achieve at very high levels and for making significant progress in closing the achievement gap. The schools were nominated based on one of two assessment criteria: 1) students achieve in the top 10 percent on state tests regardless of students' background; or 2) school has shown dramatic improvement in student performance to high levels on state tests with at least 40 percent of students from disadvantaged backgrounds.

The No Child Left Behind – Blue Ribbon Schools Program sets a high standard that should represent a goal for all schools that strive for excellence. For the past 26 years, this prestigious program has honored more than 5,800 of America's most successful schools. For public schools, the Secretary of Education invites Chief State School Officers to nominate schools for their state that meet the Blue Ribbon School recognition criteria.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
MS. ANA RIVAS LOGAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-21 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Calusa Elementary School, Leewood K-8 Center, and Herbert A. Ammons Middle School for their recent nomination for the 2009 No Child Left Behind – Blue Ribbon Schools Award.

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RECOGNIZING CALUSA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, LEEWOOD K-8 CENTER, AND  
HERBERT A. AMMONS MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR THEIR RECENT NOMINATION FOR THE  
2009 NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND – BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS AWARD**

**WHEREAS**, the State of Florida has nominated Calusa Elementary School, Leewood K-8 Center, and Herbert A. Ammons Middle School for the 2009 No Child Left Behind – Blue Ribbon Schools award; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1982, the U.S. Department of Education's Blue Ribbon Schools Program has honored many of America's most successful schools; and } REVISED

**WHEREAS**, the No Child Left Behind – Blue Ribbon Schools award distinguishes and honors schools for helping students achieve at very high levels and for making significant progress in closing the achievement gap; and

**WHEREAS**, the No Child Left Behind – Blue Ribbon Schools program sets a high standard that should represent a goal for all schools that strive for excellence; and

**WHEREAS**, for the past 26 years, this prestigious program has honored more than 5,800 of America's most successful schools; and

**WHEREAS**, a Blue Ribbon School flag waving overhead has become a trademark of excellence, a symbol of quality recognized by everyone from parents to policymakers in thousands of communities;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-21 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Calusa Elementary School, Leewood K-8 Center, and Herbert A. Ammons Middle School for their recent nomination for the 2009 No Child Left Behind – Blue Ribbon Schools Award.

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

**Presented this eleventh day of February, A.D. 2009**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary