

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-12 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ENDORSING MARCH 2009 AS "ARTS IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH," TO BE CELEBRATED IN ALL MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND AUTHORIZING ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS TO FOSTER RELATED ACTIVITIES

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: EXPAND OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN ARTS AND ELECTIVE OFFERINGS

Miami-Dade County Public Schools has long been a major supporter of the arts in education. The arts and art education play an important role in providing students with a complete, well-rounded education and are proven to increase student achievement. Arts education also supports a child's academic and social development by helping to develop skills such as critical thinking, literacy, problem-solving, and effective communication. Students who consistently participate in rigorous and comprehensive arts programs are more likely to be recognized for academic achievement, elected to class office within their schools, participate in math and science fairs, and win awards for school attendance and their writing skills.

Arts education programs help students build the skills necessary for success in the workplace, lead to overall improved academic performance, and have a positive influence on the lives of students. Our diverse community prospers because of the many historical, cultural, social, and economic benefits that the arts and arts education provide to our students.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

MS. PERLA TABARES HANTMAN, BOARD MEMBER: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-12 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing March 2009 as "Arts in Our Schools Month," to be celebrated in all Miami-Dade County Public Schools, and authorizing administrative actions to foster related activities.

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WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools supports the arts and arts education, recognizing the important role they play in providing our students with a complete, well-rounded education; and

WHEREAS, arts education supports a child's academic and social development by helping to develop skills such as critical thinking, literacy, problem-solving, and effective communications; and

WHEREAS, students who consistently participate in rigorous and comprehensive arts programs are more likely to prosper in an academic environment through participation in extracurricular activities, student government, and math and science fairs; and

WHEREAS, arts education programs help students build the skills necessary for success in the workplace, lead to overall improved academic performance, and have a positive influence on the lives of students; and

WHEREAS, our diverse community prospers because of the many historical, cultural, social, and economic benefits that the arts and arts education provide to our students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-12 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing March 2009 as "Arts in Our Schools Month," to be celebrated in all Miami-Dade County Public Schools, and authorizing administrative actions to foster related activities.

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

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary