

Ms. Ana Rivas Logan, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-52 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING RYAN ELLIS AND LIZ SCHLOTZHAUER FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE STUDENTS AND PARENTS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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

On March 18, 2009, Florida students, parents, educators and concerned citizens joined together in Tallahassee at the capitol building to protest budget cuts in public education and to demand education funding reform. Hundreds of Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) students attended the "Rally in Tally", which was organized by the Florida PTA. The event proved to be a hands-on Civics lesson.

John A. Ferguson Senior High School Jazz Band Director Ryan Ellis and PTA President Liz Schlotzhauer took leadership roles in sending a delegation of students to rally in Tallahassee. Under their guidance, students participated in meaningful activities and extensive meetings with state legislators, including State Senators J. Alex Villalobo and Rudy Garcia as well as State Representatives Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., David Rivera and Juan C. Zapata.

Mr. Ellis and Ms. Schlotzhauer have shown exemplary leadership skills through their dedication and commitment to the students and parents of M-DCPS. Their hard work and perseverance in organizing their delegation enriched the lives of all of the students who participated in the rally. The students have become engaged community members as a result of their involvement in the rally.

ACTION PROPOSED BY MS. ANA RIVAS LOGAN: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-52 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Ryan Ellis and Liz Schlotzhauer for their outstanding service to the students and parents of Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING RYAN ELLIS AND LIZ SCHLOTZHAUER FOR THEIR
OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE STUDENTS AND PARENTS
OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2009, Florida students, parents, educators and concerned citizens joined together in Tallahassee at the capitol building to protest budget cuts in public education and to demand education funding reform; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) students attended the "Rally in Tally", which proved to be a hands-on Civics lesson; and

WHEREAS, John A. Ferguson Senior High School Jazz Band Director Ryan Ellis and PTA President Liz Schlotzhauer took leadership roles in sending a delegation of students to rally in Tallahassee; and

WHEREAS, under their guidance, students participated in meaningful activities and extensive meetings with state legislators including State Senators J. Alex Villalobo and Rudy Garcia as well as State Representatives Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., David Rivera and Juan C. Zapata; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ellis and Ms. Schlotzhauer have shown exemplary leadership skills through their dedication and commitment to the students and parents of M-DCPS;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-52 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Ryan Ellis and Liz Schlotzhauer for their outstanding service to the students and parents of Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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

Presented this twenty-second day of April, A.D. 2009

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary