

Ms. Ana Rivas Logan, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-46 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, CONGRATULATING SCHOOLS FOR RECEIVING THE MAGNET SCHOOLS OF AMERICA MERIT AWARDS AS A MAGNET SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE OR MAGNET SCHOOL OF DISTINCTION

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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

Miami-Dade County Public Schools boasts one of the most comprehensive magnet school programs in the nation. Ten Miami-Dade County public schools recently earned prestigious Magnet Schools of America (MSA) Merit Awards. The MSA Awards are given to magnet schools that demonstrate curriculum innovation, a commitment to high academic standards, a consistent delivery of high quality education to students, and successful diversity efforts.

The MSA Awards are granted in two categories – Schools of Excellence and Schools of Distinction. The 2009 Schools of Excellence include Frank C. Martin K-8 Center, George Washington Carver Middle School, Herbert A. Ammons Middle School, John F. Kennedy Middle School, and Coral Reef Senior High School. The 2009 Schools of Distinction include Air Base Elementary School, North Dade Center for Modern Languages, Perrine Elementary School, Phyllis Ruth Miller Elementary School, and Southwood Middle School.

MSA was founded in the 1980s in response to educational inequity. The organization offers support and leadership to innovative educational magnet school programs. The magnet programs promote diversity, equity and academic excellence.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools has various magnet programs that cater to the unique interests, talents and abilities of students. They offer a variety of themes including Careers & Professions, Communications & Humanities, International Education, Mathematics, Science & Technology and Montessori Visual and Performing Arts.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-46 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, congratulating schools for receiving the Magnet Schools of America Merit Award as a Magnet School of Excellence or Magnet School of Distinction.

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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
CONGRATULATING SCHOOLS FOR RECEIVING THE MAGNET SCHOOLS
OF AMERICA MERIT AWARDS AS A MAGNET SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE
OR MAGNET SCHOOL OF DISTINCTION**

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools boasts one of the most comprehensive magnet school programs in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools magnet programs offer a variety of themes including Careers & Professions, Communications & Humanities, International Education, Mathematics, Science & Technology and Montessori Visual and Performing Arts; and

WHEREAS, Magnet Schools of America Merit Awards are given to magnet schools that demonstrate curriculum innovation, a commitment to high academic standards, a consistent delivery of high quality education to students, and successful diversity efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Magnet Schools of America 2009 Schools of Excellence include Frank C. Martin K-8 Center, George Washington Carver Middle School, Herbert A. Ammons Middle School, John F. Kennedy Middle School, and Coral Reef Senior High School; and

WHEREAS, the Magnet Schools of America 2009 Schools of Distinction include Air Base Elementary School, North Dade Center for Modern Languages, Perrine Elementary School, Phyllis Ruth Miller Elementary School, and Southwood Middle School;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-46 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, congratulating schools for receiving the Magnet Schools of America Merit Award as a Magnet School of Excellence or Magnet School of Distinction.

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