

May 18, 2009

Dr. Lawrence Feldman, Board Member

**SUBJECT:           REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-64 OF  
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, }  
RECOGNIZING THE SUCCESS AND BENEFITS OF THE DIAL-  
A-TEACHER PROGRAM**

REVISED

**COMMITTEE:       INSTRUCTIONAL       EXCELLENCE       AND       COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT**

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

Since its inception in 1976, the Dial-A-Teacher (DAT) program has consistently served the students of Miami-Dade County Public Schools by providing a free, live home learning support in the core areas of Math, Language Arts/Reading, Science and Social Studies as well as in various languages.

Originally serving the community with only one telephone center located in Ponce de Leon Middle School, today the program has expanded to service over 650 calls each month, totaling an estimated 1,000,000 students since its inception, ensuring that the questions and concerns of all parents and students are addressed each day.

REVISED

The DAT program runs from September to May of each school year from 5:00pm-8:00pm on Mondays through Thursdays of each week. The accomplished goal has always been to ensure that each student is given the opportunity to receive the necessary assistance that can help make a difference in their education.

REVISED

From 1982-1995, the DIAL-A-TEACHER Television Program went live on Cable TAP, then on WLRN-TV with the help of Mr. Don McCullough, Station Manager and Mr. Martin Yoffee, Cable TAP Director. Teachers provided lessons in the core subject areas and students had direct participation with the teacher and lesson by calling in from home.

The Dial-A-Teacher program produced live television shows from the Youth Fair and participated in community parade floats in the Junior Orange Bowl and Martin Luther King Day Parades.

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The Dial-A-Teacher Program has been recognized nationally, at the state level, and locally as an exemplary program.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
DR. LAWRENCE FELDMAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-64 of The School Board of the Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the success and benefits of the Dial-A-Teacher program.

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-64**  
**OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING**  
**THE SUCCESS AND BENEFITS OF THE DIAL-A-TEACHER PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Dial-A-Teacher program provides a free, live home learning support in the core areas of Math, Language Arts/Reading, Science and Social Studies as well as in various languages; and

**WHEREAS**, the program will service approximately 650 calls from parents and students in the community each month; and

**WHEREAS**, the program offers students additional opportunities to seek academic support to supplement and improve the quality of their education; and

**WHEREAS**, the Dial-A-Teacher program has been recognized nationally, at the state level, and locally, as an exemplary program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Dial-A-Teacher program is a benefit to the community and serviced an estimated 1,000,000 students since its inception;

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-64 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the success and benefits of the Dial-A-Teacher program.

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

**Presented this twentieth day of May, A.D. 2009**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary  
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