

Mr. Renier Diaz de la Portilla, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-81 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING E.W.F. STIRRUP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR BEING HONORED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR OUTSTANDING FEDERAL AND STATE ACHIEVEMENTS

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: ELIMINATE THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP

At the State Board of Education meeting on May 19, 2009, E.W.F. Stirrup Elementary School was among six Florida schools recognized for their incredible performance on both state and federal accountability standards. In order to qualify for this recognition, each school had to meet a certain number of pre-requisites. To be considered, the schools must have a student population of more than 68 percent who are economically disadvantaged, have maintained a grade of "A" for the last two years, while at the same time meeting stringent federal requirements known as Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for more than five years.

Florida Commissioner of Education, Dr. Eric J. Smith, referred to this recognition by saying: "The students, teachers and administrators at these schools are showing not just our state, but also the nation, that educational excellence and quality do not have to be victims of challenge and that success is achievable in any learning environment. My heartfelt congratulations go out to each school and I look forward to seeing what else they can accomplish as we move forward."

This important recognition speaks volumes as to the relentless dedication and hard work of students, faculty, and staff at E.W.F. Stirrup Elementary.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

MR. RENIER DIAZ DE LA PORTILLA: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-81, recognizing E.W.F. Stirrup Elementary School for being honored by the State Board of Education for Outstanding Federal and State Achievements.

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-81
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING E.W.F. STIRRUP ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR BEING
HONORED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR OUTSTANDING
FEDERAL AND STATE ACHIEVEMENTS**

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education recently honored E.W.F. Stirrup Elementary School, as one of six schools across the state, for Outstanding Federal and State Achievements; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious recognition is granted to high-performing schools in economically disadvantaged areas; and

WHEREAS, it is the students, faculty, and staff at E.W.F. Stirrup Elementary that made this possible through their tireless efforts and dedication to academic excellence; and

WHEREAS, additionally, the school was showcased by the State Board of Education as a school demonstrating success through the "What's working in Florida's Schools: K.E.Y.S. to Achievement" (Knowledge and Excellence Yields Success) series; and

WHEREAS, E.W.F. Stirrup Elementary serves as a model in our community for academic achievement and educational excellence;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida approve Resolution No. 09-81 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing E.W.F. Stirrup Elementary School for being honored by the State Board of Education for Outstanding Federal and State Achievements.

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

Presented this seventeenth day of June, A.D. 2009

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary