

Ms. Ana Rivas Logan, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-95 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE STUDENTS OF G. HOLMES BRADDOCK SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN PROJECT RYSE (REFUGEE YOUTH SUCCEEDING IN EDUCATION)

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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

Project RYSE (Refugee Youth Succeeding in Education) provides limited English proficient refugee youth with supplemental educational opportunities and services. The grant is part of the State of Florida Increasing Refugee Student Achievement Program. The goals are for students to succeed academically and provide community awareness that enable them to acculturate and become part of our community.

Approximately 50 students from G. Holmes Braddock Senior High School established a liaison with the *Bird Road Senior Center* as part of their community service project. Students prepared two celebrations for seniors - one for Valentine's Day and one for Mother's Day. They prepared greeting cards, decorations, hand-made gifts and elicited food donations for the needy seniors.

In addition, they fed those seniors that needed assistance with eating, taught them how to dance and played dominos with them. They established a relationship with the seniors and exchanged letters with them from February - June, 2009. The goal was for the students to realize that as refugees they receive a lot from this country but need to learn to give back to the community.

Under the supervision of Dr. Beatriz Diaz, Supervisor, Adult ESOL and Dr. Joanne H. Urrutia, Administrative Director, Bilingual Education and World Languages, Project RYSE students have made significant academic progress.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

MS. ANA RIVAS LOGAN: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-95 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the students of G. Holmes Braddock Senior High School for their participation in Project RYSE (Refugee Youth Succeeding in Education).

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WHEREAS, Project RYSE (Refugee Youth Succeeding in Education) provides limited English proficient refugee youth with supplemental educational opportunities and services with the goal of enabling students to succeed academically, to acculturate and become engaged members of the community; and

WHEREAS, demonstrating a commitment to community service, approximately 50 students from G. Holmes Braddock Senior High School established a liaison with the Bird Road Senior Center as part of their community service project; and

WHEREAS, for several months, the students volunteered at the center and established relationships with the residents; and

WHEREAS, the students assisted the center's residents at mealtime, prepared holiday celebrations, taught dancing, and played dominos; and

WHEREAS, Project RYSE students made significant academic progress under the supervision of Ms. Sylvia Velazquez, Teacher, Ms. Lourdes Falcon, Teacher/Project RYSE Coach, Dr. Beatriz Diaz, Supervisor, Adult ESOL and Dr. Joanne H. Urrutia, Administrative Director, Bilingual Education and World Languages;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-95 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the students of G. Holmes Braddock Senior High School for their participation in Project RYSE (Refugee Youth Succeeding in Education).

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

Presented this fifteenth day of July, A.D. 2009

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary

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