

Dr. Wilbert "Tee" Holloway, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-115 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE SPORTS SOCIETY FOR THEIR HARD WORK IN THE AREA OF GENDER EQUITY IN ATHLETICS**

**COMMITTEE: SCHOOL SUPPORT ACCOUNTABILITY**

**LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: DEVELOP OUR STUDENTS SO THEY ARE ABLE TO SUCCESSFULLY COMPETE IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMY**

The Sports Society is a non-profit organization comprised of community leaders in business, industry and in education. The organization's mission is to promote opportunities for women and girls in sports. Its goals include honoring female athletes in elementary, middle, and senior high schools and colleges, the promotion of female athletic events, and safeguarding equity in sports. In addition, the organization recognizes outstanding amateur/professional athletes with the Babe Didrikson Zaharias Award and a Lifetime of Giving Award. The Dorothy B. Shula Scholarship is awarded to college-bound high school seniors dedicated to The Sports Society's mission and who pledge to continue to honor their commitment after graduation. The Sports Society's Outstanding Elementary Physical Education Program Award is presented to both public and private/parochial schools.

Funds raised at the organization's Annual Golf Classic are used to support female athletics in Miami-Dade County and for the promotion of opportunities for women and girls in sports.

A dedicated Miami-Dade County Public Schools educator for over four decades, Dr. Marjorie P. Wessel serves as president of The Sports Society and is one of the organization's founding members. Dr. Wessel also serves as Chairperson of the District's Diversity, Equity, and Excellence Advisory Committee (DEEAC). The committee reviews issues on maintaining a multicultural system, including recruitment and diversity of personnel, students, transportation, site selection, and attendance zones.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY DR. WILBERT "TEE" HOLLOWAY:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-115 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing The Sports Society for their hard work in the area of gender equity in athletics.

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-115  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING THE SPORTS SOCIETY FOR THEIR HARD WORK IN THE AREA OF  
GENDER EQUITY IN ATHLETICS**

**WHEREAS**, The Sports Society is a non-profit organization comprised of community leaders in business, industry and in education whose mission is to promote opportunities for women and girls in sports; and

**WHEREAS**, a dedicated Miami-Dade County Public Schools educator for over four decades, Dr. Marjorie P. Wessel serves as president of The Sports Society and is one of the organization's founding members; and

**WHEREAS**, The Sports Society's goals include honoring female athletes in elementary, middle, and senior high schools and colleges, the promotion of female athletic events, and safeguarding equity in sports; and

**WHEREAS**, the organization recognizes outstanding amateur/professional athletes, college-bound high school seniors, and public and private/parochial schools through awards and scholarships;

**WHEREAS**, funds raised at the organization's Annual Golf Classic are used to support female athletics in Miami-Dade County and for the promotion of opportunities for women and girls in sports;

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-115 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing The Sports Society for their hard work in the area of gender equity in athletics.

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

**Presented this fourteenth day of October, A.D. 2009**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary