

Ms. Ana Rivas Logan, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-118 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING CALUSA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, LEEWOOD K-8 CENTER AND HERBERT A. AMMONS MIDDLE SCHOOL AS 2009 BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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

For nearly three decades, the U.S. Department of Education has recognized outstanding schools with the Blue Ribbon Schools Award. The prestigious award honors schools that are academically superior or have made significant progress in closing the achievement gap among minority or disadvantaged students.

The program selects schools through one or two criteria, which include students who achieve in the top 10 percent of their state on state tests or schools with at least 40 percent of students from disadvantaged backgrounds demonstrating great gains in state or national tests. More than 6,150 schools have been recognized as Blue Ribbon Schools since 1982.

Three Miami-Dade County Public Schools were among 314 schools nationwide recognized as 2009 National Blue Ribbon Schools. Calusa Elementary School, Leewood K-8 Center and Herbert A. Ammons Middle School were awarded this prestigious honor. Public schools must meet Adequate Yearly Progress in reading (language arts) and math to be recognized.

The Blue Ribbon Schools will be honored next month during a ceremony in Washington, D.C. Recipients will receive a plaque and flag to represent their Blue Ribbon School status.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-118 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Calusa Elementary School, Leewood K-8 Center and Herbert A. Ammons Middle School as 2009 Blue Ribbon Schools.

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-118
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING CALUSA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, LEEWOOD K-8 CENTER AND
HERBERT A. AMMONS MIDDLE SCHOOL AS 2009 BLUE RIBBON SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, for nearly three decades, the U.S. Department of Education has recognized outstanding schools with the Blue Ribbon Schools Award; and

WHEREAS, the prestigious award honors schools that are academically superior or have made significant progress in closing the achievement gap among minority or disadvantaged students; and

WHEREAS, the program selects schools through one or two criteria, which include students who achieve in the top 10 percent of their state on state tests or schools with at least 40 percent of students from disadvantaged backgrounds demonstrating great gains in state or national tests. More than 6,150 schools have been recognized as Blue Ribbon Schools since 1982; and

WHEREAS, Calusa Elementary School, Leewood K-8 Center and Herbert A. Ammons Middle School, were among 314 schools nationwide recognized as 2009 National Blue Ribbon Schools; and

WHEREAS, the Blue Ribbon Schools will be honored next month during a ceremony in Washington, D.C. Recipients will receive a plaque and flag to represent their Blue Ribbon School status;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-118 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Calusa Elementary School, Leewood K-8 Center and Herbert A. Ammons Middle School as 2009 Blue Ribbon Schools.

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

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary