

Ms. Ana Rivas Logan, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-116 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING HERBERT A. AMMONS MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT VICTORIA KONTZAMANYS FOR HER GENEROUS WORK ON BEHALF OF OUR COMMUNITY

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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

Across the nation, statistics show that more than 36 million people live in food insecure households with 12 million of those being children. In South Florida, 295,000 children live in poverty. Miami ranks third among large cities in the number of those living in poverty. That's 35 percent of South Florida's population at the poverty level. More than half of Miami-Dade County Public Schools students receive free or reduced price lunch.

Traditionally, food drives take place at specific times of the year during holiday observances. Two years ago, Herbert A. Ammons Middle School student Victoria Kontzamanys decided to start Spreading the Love during the week of Valentine's Day. The food drive collected 700 canned goods in its first year and has grown dramatically by collecting 1,000 cans this year. The seventh-grade student is passionate about feeding the hungry in her community and encourages other students to become involved.

Research indicates that children who eat a nutritious breakfast are more likely to be alert and score higher on school tests. Miami-Dade County Public Schools supports programs that benefit the health and well-being of students and contribute to their academic success.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-116 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Herbert A. Ammons Middle School student Victoria Kontzamanys for her generous work on behalf of our community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-116
RECOGNIZING HERBERT A. AMMONS MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT
VICTORIA KONTZAMANYS FOR HER GENEROUS WORK ON
BEHALF OF OUR COMMUNITY**

WHEREAS, across the nation, statistics show that more than 36 million people live in food insecure households with 12 million of those being children. In South Florida, 295,000 children live in poverty; and

WHEREAS, more than half of Miami-Dade County Public Schools students receive free or reduced price lunch; and

WHEREAS, most food drives take place during the holiday season during Thanksgiving and Christmas. Two years ago, Herbert A. Ammons Middle School student Victoria Kontzamanys decided to start Spreading the Love during the week of Valentine's Day; and

WHEREAS, the food drive collected 700 canned goods in its first year and has grown dramatically by collecting 1,000 cans this year; and

WHEREAS, the seventh-grade student is passionate about feeding the hungry in her community and encourages other students to become involved;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-116 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Herbert A. Ammons Middle School student Victoria Kontzamanys for her generous work on behalf of our community.

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