

Ms. Raquel A. Regalado, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 11-049
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
FLORIDA, ENDORSING APRIL AS NATIONAL POETRY
MONTH AND THE "O, MIAMI" POETRY FESTIVAL**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
FRAMEWORK: STUDENT, PARENT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Inaugurated by the Academy of American Poets in 1996, National Poetry Month is now held every April, when publishers, booksellers, literary organizations, libraries, schools and poets around the country work together to celebrate poetry and its vital place in American culture. Thousands of businesses and non-profit organizations participate through readings, festivals, book displays, workshops, and other events.

During the entire month of April, *O, Miami Poetry Festival*, produced by the University of Wynwood and funded by the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, is presenting a long series of events and traditional readings mixed with innovative poetry-in-public-places projects. The goal of the festival is for every person in Miami-Dade County to experience a poem. Events are conducted in multiple languages, sometimes simultaneously, often in collaboration with other cultural organizations. *O, Miami* culminates in a four-day series of readings from April 27-30, 2011 at the New World Symphony Hall in Miami Beach.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

MS. RAQUEL A. REGALADO: That the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-049 endorsing April as National Poetry Month and the O, Miami Poetry Festival.

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-049
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
ENDORING APRIL AS POETRY MONTH AND THE O, MIAMI POETRY FESTIVAL**

WHEREAS, since 1996, the Academy of American Poets inaugurated National Poetry Month; and,

WHEREAS, April is the month when publishers, booksellers, literary organizations, libraries, schools and poets around the country work together to celebrate poetry; and,

WHEREAS, *O, Miami Poetry Festival*, produced by the University of Wynwood and funded by the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, is presenting a month-long series of events and traditional readings mixed with innovative poetry-in-public-places projects; and,

WHEREAS, the goal of the festival is for every person in Miami-Dade County to experience a poem and the vital place poetry has in American culture;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-049 of the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing April as Poetry Month and the *O, Miami Poetry Festival*.

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

Presented this thirteenth day of April, A.D. 2011

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary