

Dr. Wilbert "Tee" Holloway, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 11-084 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 STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: STUDENT, PARENT, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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 and Patricia C. Graham Scholarships each year are awarded to two 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 five 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. 11-084 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. 11-084
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; to honor outstanding amateur/professional athletes with the Babe Didrikson Zaharias Award; to Award The Dorothy B. Shula and Patricia C. Graham Scholarships each year; and

WHEREAS, as one of their selected projects, and in support of physical education participation for all students in maintaining a healthy lifestyle and developing leadership skills, the Sports Society of Miami has selected Barbara Hawkins Elementary School as 2011 Outstanding Elementary Physical Education Program; and

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. 11-084 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 thirteenth day of July, A.D. 2011

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary