

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair

**SUBJECT:                   REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 11-004  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,  
FLORIDA RECOGNIZING DR. RONALD DEMEO FOR HIS  
COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION TO THE STUDENTS AND  
PARENTS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**COMMITTEE:               INNOVATION,     EFFICIENCY     AND     OVERNMENTAL  
RELATIONS**

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

Studies suggest that more than one third of children in grades 9-12 do not regularly engage in high-intensity physical activity on a daily basis, leading to a rise in childhood obesity. In order to combat this epidemic, Miami-Dade County Public Schools has led a comprehensive campaign to educate students about healthy lifestyles and eating habits, which include salad bars in school cafeterias, healthy choices in vending machines and physical education courses.

Renowned surgeon and inventor Dr. Ronald DeMeo partnered with the school district by donating nearly \$20,000 worth of sports equipment to 30 Miami-Dade public schools. The donation included 175 basketballs, 192 footballs, 192 baseballs, 50 bats and 200 jump ropes. The items were distributed to various public elementary, middle and high schools across the county.

Dr. DeMeo is the medical director of Meridian Spine and Interventional Pain Medicine in Coral Gables. He is an innovator in the field of exercise physiology and fitness training. In addition, he is a longtime advocate of using sports to prevent childhood obesity, create a healthy lifestyle and promote the valuable lessons of teamwork. Dr. DeMeo is to be commended for his dedication and commitment to the health and well-being of the students and parents of Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY CHAIR  
PERLA TABARES HANTMAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-004 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Dr. Ronald DeMeo for his commitment and dedication to the students and parents of Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-004  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
RECOGNIZING DR. RONALD DEMEO FOR HIS COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION  
TO THE STUDENTS AND PARENTS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**WHEREAS**, studies suggest that more than one third of children in grades 9-12 do not regularly engage in high-intensity physical activity on a daily basis, leading to a rise in childhood obesity. Miami-Dade County Public Schools has led a comprehensive campaign to educate students about healthy lifestyles and eating habits; and

**WHEREAS**, renowned surgeon and inventor Dr. Ronald DeMeo partnered with the school district by donating nearly \$20,000 worth of sports equipment to 30 Miami-Dade public schools; and

**WHEREAS**, the donation included 175 basketballs, 192 footballs, 192 baseballs, 50 bats and 200 jump ropes; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. DeMeo is an innovator in the field of exercise physiology and fitness training. In addition, he is a longtime advocate of using sports to prevent childhood obesity, create a healthy lifestyle and promote the valuable lessons of teamwork; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. DeMeo is to be commended for his dedication and commitment to the health and well-being of the students and parents of Miami-Dade County Public Schools;

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-004 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Dr. Ronald DeMeo for his commitment and dedication to the students and parents of Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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

**Presented this twelfth day of January, A.D. 2011**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary