

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair

**SUBJECT:                   REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 11-014  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,  
FLORIDA, ENDORSING MARCH 2011 AS ARTS IN OUR  
SCHOOLS MONTH IN ALL MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC  
SCHOOLS**

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

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

Every March, schools and municipalities across the nation recognize the many benefits of arts education and the arts. The National Arts Education Association (NAEA) in partnership with the Art & Creative Materials Institute, Inc. (ACMI) created Children's Art Month in 1961. Eight years later, the observance expanded to include middle and high school students and was renamed Youth Art Month. Youth Art Month is sponsored by the Council for Art Education, Inc., which encompasses NAEA, the General Federation of Women's Clubs and other groups.

Art education has been shown to develop a child's self-esteem and sharpen their critical-thinking skills. It increases multicultural awareness as well as technical, communication and expressive skills. Art and art education can improve school attendance and promote self-directed learning. Studies indicate that the innovation and creativity used in the artistic process will be a highly coveted skill in the coming years as the global economy continues to shift.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools has a rich history of supporting arts in the schools. Arts programs can strongly influence a student's academic success in language arts, science and math. Students who study the arts are more likely to be elected for class office, participate in math and science fairs and win awards for writing, thus contributing to the development of productive citizens and future leaders.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-014 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing March 2011 as Arts in Our Schools Month in all Miami-Dade County public schools.

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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
ENDORING MARCH 2011 AS ARTS IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH IN  
ALL MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**WHEREAS**, every March, schools and municipalities across the nation recognize the many benefits of arts education and the arts; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Arts Education Association (NAEA) in partnership with the Art & Creative Materials Institute, Inc. (ACMI) created Children's Art Month in 1961. Eight years later, the observance expanded to include middle and high school students and was renamed Youth Art Month; and

**WHEREAS**, art education has been shown to develop a child's self-esteem and sharpen their critical-thinking skills and it increases multicultural awareness as well as technical, communication and expressive skills; and

**WHEREAS**, studies indicate that the innovation and creativity used in the artistic process will be a highly coveted skill in the coming years as the global economy continues to shift; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County Public Schools has a rich history of supporting arts in the schools. Arts programs can strongly influence a student's academic success in language arts, science and math. Students who study the arts are more likely to be elected for class office, participate in math and science fairs and win awards for writing, thus contributing to the development of productive citizens and future leaders;

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-014 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing March 2011 as Arts in Our Schools Month in all Miami-Dade County public schools.

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

**Presented this ninth day of February, A.D. 2011**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary