

Office of School Board Members  
Board Meeting of January 18, 2012

January 17, 2012

Dr. Wilbert "Tee" Holloway, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 12-017 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA:**

- 1) RECOGNIZING THE STUDENTS OF W.J. BRYAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND NORTH MIAMI MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE HAITIAN HERITAGE MUSEUM'S BOOK-MAKING PROJECT TITLED, "THROUGH THE EYES OF MY HAITIAN FRIEND: WHAT PICTURES CAN TELL US ABOUT CULTURE" AND "SAK PASE: A TEENAGE GUIDE TO CULTURE"; AND
- 2) OBSERVANCE OF THE JANUARY 2010 EARTHQUAKE THAT DEVASTATED HAITI

**COMMITTEE: SCHOOL SUPPORT ACCOUNTABILITY**

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

Students from Museum Magnet programs at William Jennings Bryan Elementary School and North Miami Middle School produced two books about Haitian culture last month, in collaboration with the Haitian Heritage Museum and a book-making consultant.

The first-grade students from William Jennings Bryan Elementary produced, "*Through the Eyes of My Haitian Friend: What Pictures Can Tell Us About Culture*," which consists of hand-painted drawings that tell the story of a young Haitian American child who takes a non-Haitian friend on a tour of the various rooms of their home. North Miami Middle School's eighth-grade students produced the book, "*Sak Pase: A Teenage Guide to Culture*," consisting of pictures, students' illustrations and narratives that compare and contrast the culture of Liberia Africa with Haiti's in relation to food, language, dress, celebration and festivals.

Last Thursday marked the second anniversary of the devastating 7.0-magnitude earthquake that struck Haiti on January 12, 2010 near the capital of Port-au-Prince and surrounding cities. The earthquake affected at least three million people, nearly one-third of Haiti's entire population. According to estimates, it may take upwards of 10 years for stricken areas of Haiti to be rebuilt.

On behalf of the Miami-Dade County School Board, I would like to extend our best wishes and continued support to the people of Haiti, as well as commend the students of William Jennings Bryan Elementary and North Miami Middle schools for promoting Haitian culture through their respective books.

**Replacement  
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**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
DR. WILBERT "TEE" HOLLOWAY:**

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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,  
FLORIDA:**

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND NORTH MIAMI MIDDLE  
SCHOOL FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE  
HAITIAN HERITAGE MUSEUM'S BOOK-MAKING  
PROJECT TITLED, "THROUGH THE EYES OF MY  
HAITIAN FRIEND: WHAT PICTURES CAN TELL US  
ABOUT CULTURE" AND "SAK PASE: A TEENAGE  
GUIDE TO CULTURE"; AND**

**2) OBSERVANCE OF THE JANUARY 2010  
EARTHQUAKE THAT DEVASTATED HAITI.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 12-017**  
**OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE**  
**STUDENTS OF W.J. BRYAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND NORTH MIAMI MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
**FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION IN THE HAITIAN HERITAGE MUSEUM'S BOOK-MAKING PROJECT**  
**TITLED, "THROUGH THE EYES OF MY HAITIAN FRIEND: WHAT PICTURES CAN TELL US**  
**ABOUT CULTURE," AND "SAK PASE: A TEENAGE GUIDE TO CULTURE"; AND OBSERVANCE**  
**OF THE JANUARY 2010 EARTHQUAKE THAT DEVASTATED HAITI**

**WHEREAS**, students from Museum Magnet programs at William Jennings Bryan Elementary School and North Miami Middle School produced two books about Haitian culture last month, in collaboration with the Haitian Heritage Museum and a book-making consultant; and

**WHEREAS**, the first-grade students from William Jennings Bryan Elementary produced, "*Through the Eyes of My Haitian Friend: What Pictures Can Tell Us About Culture*," which consists of hand-painted drawings that tell the story of a young Haitian American child who takes a non-Haitian friend on a tour of the various rooms of their home; and

**WHEREAS**, North Miami Middle School's eighth-grade students produced the book, "*Sak Pase: A Teenage Guide to Culture*," consisting of pictures, students' illustrations and narratives that compare and contrast the culture of Liberia Africa with Haiti's in relation to food, language, dress, celebration and festivals; and

**WHEREAS**, last Thursday marked the second anniversary of the devastating 7.0-magnitude earthquake that struck Haiti on January 12, 2010 near the capital of Port-au-Prince and surrounding cities, which affected at least three million people, nearly one-third of Haiti's entire population, and may take upwards of 10 years for stricken areas of Haiti to be rebuilt; and

**WHEREAS**, the Miami-Dade County School Board extends its best wishes and continued support to the people of Haiti, as well as commends the students of William Jennings Bryan Elementary and North Miami Middle schools for promoting Haitian culture through their respective books;

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-017 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the students of W.J. Bryan Elementary School and North Miami Middle School for their participation in the Haitian Heritage Museum's book-making project titled, "Through the Eyes of My Haitian Friend: What Pictures Can Tell Us About Culture," and "Sak Pase: A Teenage Guide to Culture"; and Observance of the January 2010 earthquake that devastated Haiti.

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

**Presented this eighteenth day of January, A.D. 2012**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary

