

Mr. Carlos L. Curbelo, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 12-088 OF THE
SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING TERRA ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH
INSTITUTE FOR BEING NAMED A GREEN RIBBON SCHOOL
BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

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

The U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools is a federal recognition program created in 2011 to honor schools that take an integrative approach to establishing green school environments. Schools are recognized for innovative programs that support the environment, health and education. In addition, Green Ribbon Schools promote college and career readiness, environmental stewardship, STEM skills and energy efficiency.

TERRA Environmental Research Institute has the distinction of being one of only three schools to represent Florida as a Green Ribbon School. In its inaugural year, 78 schools from 29 states and the District of Columbia earned Green Ribbon School status. Those schools represent a diverse group of public, private, rural and urban schools. More than 300 schools applied to become Green Ribbon Schools.

TERRA is the school district's first green school. The school showcases the District's commitment to eco-friendly practices. Environmental principles are incorporated into the school's curriculum and construction. The magnet school's innovations include utilizing the condensation from the air conditioning units to water plants, water faucets on 20-second timers, bathroom facilities that use less water and lights on motion sensors.

TERRA Environmental Research Institute is to be commended for its commitment to instilling and fostering the ideals of environmentalism, conservation and energy efficiency among its students. The school's green efforts will positively impact the lives of students and their families for generations to come.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MR. CARLOS CURBELO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-088 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing TERRA Environmental Institute for being named a Green Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education.

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WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools is a federal recognition program created in 2011 to honor schools that take an integrative approach to establishing green school environments; and

WHEREAS, schools are recognized for innovative programs that support the environment, health and education. In addition, Green Ribbon Schools promote college and career readiness, environmental stewardship, STEM skills and energy efficiency; and

WHEREAS, TERRA Environmental Research Institute has the distinction of being one of only three schools to represent Florida as a Green Ribbon School. In its inaugural year, 78 schools from 29 states and the District of Columbia earned Green Ribbon School status. Those schools represent a diverse group of public, private, rural and urban schools; and

WHEREAS, TERRA is the school district's first green school and showcases the District's commitment to eco-friendly practices. Environmental principles are incorporated into the school's curriculum and construction. The magnet school's innovations include utilizing the condensation from the air conditioning units to water plants, water faucets on 20-second timers, bathroom facilities that use less water and lights on motion sensors; and

WHEREAS, TERRA Environmental Research Institute is to be commended for its commitment to instilling and fostering the ideals of environmentalism, conservation and energy efficiency among its students. The school's green efforts will positively impact the lives of students and their families for generations to come;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-088 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing TERRA Environmental Institute for being named a Green Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education.

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

Presented this sixteenth day of May, A.D. 2012

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary