

Dr. Wilbert "Tee" Holloway, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 12-096 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: STUDENTS, PARENT, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Sports Society is a non-profit organization comprised of community leaders in business, industry and 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 the Lifetime of Giving Award. The Dorothy B. Shula and Patricia C. Graham Scholarships are awarded each year 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. The recipient of this award provides an outstanding program that renders daily and equal opportunity for all students to develop character, health, nutrition, physical fitness and sports skills. The 2012 winner is Crestview Elementary School, under the leadership of Principal Sabrina Montilla and physical education teachers Howard Mintz, Shawanda Sorrells and Matilda Ysidro. Crestview Elementary School was selected as the recipient of this award not only for their excellent physical education program, but also because of their outstanding reading program.

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 organizations'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. 12-096 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. 12-096
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 five 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; and

WHEREAS, in addition, the organization honors outstanding amateur/professional athletes with the Babe Didrikson Zaharias Award and awards 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 selected Crestview Elementary School as the 2012 Outstanding Elementary Physical Education Program; and

WHEREAS, the educators, parents, and students of Crestview Elementary School, under the under the leadership of Principal Sabrina Montilla, and with the support of physical education teachers Howard Mintz, Shawanda Sorrells and Matilda Ysidro are to be recognized for their exemplary efforts, commitment and dedication;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-096 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 June, A.D. 2012

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary