

Ms. Raquel Regalado, Board Member

**SUBJECT:                   REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 16-029  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,  
FLORIDA,   RECOGNIZING   THE   DUTCH   WAVE  
ENVIRONMENTAL FESTIVAL**

**COMMITTEE:               ACADEMIC, EVALUATION AND TECHNOLOGY**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC  
BLUEPRINT:               SAFE,   HEALTHY    AND   SUPPORTIVE    LEARNING  
ENVIRONMENT**

On January 23, 2016, the Consulate of the Kingdom of the Netherlands joined the City of Miami for the Dutch Wave Environmental Festival at Peacock Park in Coconut Grove. The Dutch Wave Environmental Festival is designed to inspire people to take action to reduce the amount of plastic waste in the ocean, their daily lives, and their communities at large.

Miami, much like the Netherlands, is impacted by water. Dutch Ambassador to the United States Henne Schuwer and Dutch Olympic windsurfing champion Dorian van Rijsselberghe joined City of Miami Mayor Tomás Regalado at this family-friendly event. Dutch Wave was a call to action for county residents to use their creativity, innovation and imagination to come up with solutions that can contribute to solving the larger issue of waste problems.

Highlights of the Dutch Wave festival include presentations by Frost Museum, the Plastic Soup Foundation, Miami Dutch Consul General Nathalie Olijslager; workshops by artists David Edgar, Barbara de Vries and Gustavo Rodriguez on transforming plastic waste into works of art, beach jewelry, and cartoon drawing, respectively.

The Dutch Wave Environmental Festival is the Miami Consulate's kick-off event of the Netherlands Presidency of the European Union. The Netherlands holds the rotating presidency of the EU until June 30, 2016. During its EU Presidency, the Netherlands will lead the focus of the EU agenda on climate and energy policy, international security and migration, and innovation.

The School Board commends the Dutch Wave Environmental Festival for bringing awareness to the South Florida community on the importance of keeping our oceans clean.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**MS. RAQUEL REGALADO:**       That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 16-029 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Dutch Wave Environmental Festival.

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-029  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING THE DUTCH WAVE ENVIRONMENTAL FESTIVAL**

**WHEREAS**, on January 23, 2016, the Consulate of the Kingdom of the Netherlands joined the City of Miami for the Dutch Wave Environmental Festival at Peacock Park in Coconut Grove; and

**WHEREAS**, the Dutch Wave Environmental Festival is designed to inspire people to take action to reduce the amount of plastic waste in the ocean, their daily lives, and their communities at large; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami, much like the Netherlands, is impacted by water. Dutch Ambassador to the United States Henne Schuwer and Dutch Olympic windsurfing champion Dorian van Rijsselberghe joined City of Miami Mayor Tomás Regalado at this family-friendly event; and

**WHEREAS**, Dutch Wave was a call to action for county residents to use their creativity, innovation and imagination to come up with solutions that can contribute to solving the larger issue of waste problems; and

**WHEREAS**, highlights of the Dutch Wave festival include presentations by Frost Museum, the Plastic Soup Foundation, Miami Dutch Consul General Nathalie Olijslager; workshops by artists David Edgar, Barbara de Vries and Gustavo Rodriguez on transforming plastic waste into works of art, beach jewelry, and cartoon drawing, respectively; and

**WHEREAS**, the Dutch Wave Environmental Festival is the Miami Consulate's kick-off event of the Netherlands Presidency of the European Union. The Netherlands holds the rotating presidency of the EU until June 30, 2016, during which time, the Netherlands will lead the focus of the EU agenda on climate and energy policy, international security and migration, and innovation; and

**WHEREAS**, the School Board commends the Dutch Wave Environmental Festival for bringing awareness to the South Florida community on the importance of keeping our oceans clean.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 16-029 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Dutch Wave Environmental Festival.

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

**Presented this ninth day of March, A.D. 2016**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary