

Dr. Lawrence Feldman, Chair

**SUBJECT:** REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 17-106 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING AIR BASE K-8 CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION AS A U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION GREEN RIBBON SCHOOL

**COMMITTEE:** ACADEMICS, EVALUATION AND TECHNOLOGY

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

Air Base K-8 Center for International Education (ABK-8) has been selected as a U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools award recipient. The purpose of this recognition is to inspire schools, districts and institutions of higher education to reduce their environmental impact, create healthy learning environments and provide real-world sustainability education that prepares students to succeed in the 21st century.

Only one of five schools in Florida to receive this honor, ABK-8 is recognized for its efforts and commitment to responsible environmental stewardship and leadership. The school initiated a year-long campaign with sustainability kick-off assemblies, featuring faculty and student-produced skits, songs, and PowerPoint presentations highlighting energy efficiency, water conservation, and waste reduction strategies. The school explored local and global challenges and corresponding solutions, and Green Promises were developed and displayed in the school.

ABK-8's commitment to educating the community-at-large is evident in their participation in other initiatives and forums. Students also participated in the World Climate Change Project, A White House initiative, sponsored by the Frost Museum of Science, the University of Miami, and Dream in Green. ABK-8 was one of only seven schools chosen to mentor high school students as they addressed real-world problems related to climate change by reducing CO2 levels. ABK-8 also participated in Miami-Dade County's Dream in Green Program, where students were provided with a variety of unique, hands-on environmental learning experiences. These challenges further empowered students to make changes that create an impact on their own lives as well as in their communities.

ABK-8 is to be commended for their designation as Green Ribbon School award recipient by the U.S. Department of Education's and for its efforts and commitment to responsible environmental stewardship and leadership.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY CHAIR  
DR. LAWRENCE S. FELDMAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 17-106 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Air Base K-8 Center for International Education for their designation as a Green Ribbon School award recipient by the U.S. Department of Education.

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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING AIR BASE K-8 CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION  
AS A U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION GREEN RIBBON SCHOOL**

**WHEREAS**, Air Base K-8 Center for International Education (ABK-8) has been selected as a U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools award recipient. The purpose of this recognition is to inspire schools, districts and institutions of higher education to reduce their environmental impact, create healthy learning environments and provide real-world sustainability education that prepares students to succeed in the 21st century; and

**WHEREAS**, only one of five schools in Florida to receive this honor, ABK-8 is recognized for its efforts and commitment to responsible environmental stewardship and leadership. The school initiated a year-long campaign with sustainability kick-off assemblies, featuring faculty and student-produced skits, songs, and PowerPoint presentations highlighting energy efficiency, water conservation, and waste reduction strategies. The school explored local and global challenges and corresponding solutions, and Green Promises were developed and displayed in the school; and

**WHEREAS**, ABK-8's commitment to educating the community-at-large is evident in their participation in other initiatives and forums. Students were also able to participate in the World Climate Change Project, A White House initiative, sponsored by the Frost Museum of Science, the University of Miami, and Dream in Green. ABK-8 was one of only seven schools chosen to mentor high school students as they addressed real-world problems related to climate change by reducing CO2 levels; and

**WHEREAS**, ABK-8 also participated in Miami-Dade County's Dream in Green Program, where students were provided with a variety of unique, hands-on environmental learning experiences. These challenges further empowered students to make changes that create an impact on their own lives as well as in their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, ABK-8 is to be commended for their designation as Green Ribbon School award recipient by the U.S. Department of Education's and for its efforts and commitment to responsible environmental stewardship and leadership.

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 17-106 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Air Base K-8 Center for International Education for their designation as a Green Ribbon School award recipient by the U.S. Department of Education.

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

**Presented this fifteenth day of November, A.D. 2017**

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

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary