

Office of the School Board Members
Board Meeting of May 16, 2001

May 15, 2001

Dr. Robert B. Ingram, Member
Miami-Dade County School Board

SUBJECT: REQUEST THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ACKNOWLEDGE THE OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMUNITY RELATIONS BOARD AND OTHERS FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF THE PROJECT "IN SEARCH OF PEACE," A STUDENT NON-VIOLENCE CONFERENCE.

For many years the Community Relations Board (CRB) has served our community in a variety of positive ways. Its co-sponsorship and funding of the recent two-day conference titled "In Search of Peace," is just one example of its contributions to Greater-Miami Dade County and in particular to Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS). An initiative of the CRB, the Florida Martin Luther King, Jr. Institute for Nonviolence and the conference involved the participation of more than 350 of the district's students and impacted thousands of others because one of its most important sessions was televised.

The purpose of the conference was to improve human relations and to help reduce violence and ethnic tensions among our youth. From South Africa and a highlight of the conference was guest speaker Dr. Naomi Tutu, daughter of Nobel Peace Prize winner Monsignor Desmond Mpilo Tutu. Dr. Tutu and a panel of students explored the topic of Reducing Violence and Ethnic Tensions Among Our Youth. This informative two-hour session was televised by WLRN-Channel 17 on closed circuit TV.

Because of the positive effect such activities have on our youth, the Community Relations Board deserves our thanks, not only for contributing \$14,000 to fund the event but for its support of the entire endeavor.

Also supporting the event and working very hard to ensure its success was The Florida Martin Luther King, Jr. Institute for Nonviolence. It, too, deserves our thanks as does our own Cultural Diversity/Intergroup Relations staff.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. ROBERT B. INGRAM:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, acknowledge the outstanding contributions of the Miami-Dade County Community Relations Board and others for their support of the project "In Search of Peace," a Student Non-Violence Conference.

REPLACEMENT
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