

April 16, 2002

Dr. Robert B. Ingram, Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 02-21 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND THE FOUNDATION FOR DEMOCRACY IN AFRICA

On August 17, 2001, the School Board directed the Superintendent to collaborate with the Foundation for Democracy in Africa in establishing sister-school partnerships and student exchange programs with schools in Africa. Since then, representatives of the district, foundation and community have developed a pilot program to be introduced this fall at Carol City Elementary, Carol City Middle, and Miami Carol City Senior High schools.

With the 5th Annual Africando U.S.-Africa Trade & Investment Symposium and Arts & Culture Festival to be held in Miami May 8-12, it is important that Miami-Dade citizens be aware of the district's partnership with the Foundation for Democracy in Africa and its potential for promoting trade and cultural exchange between the people of our nation and Africa. It is recommended, therefore, that the School Board approve a resolution recognizing that partnership and its benefits.

This item does not appear on the published agenda. Good cause to vary from the agenda exists because the Africando symposium will take place prior to the next School Board meeting.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve resolution No. 02-21 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the partnership between Miami-Dade County Public Schools and the Foundation for Democracy in Africa.

**RESOLUTION NO. 02-21
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE
PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND
THE FOUNDATION FOR DEMOCRACY IN AFRICA**

WHEREAS, The School Board of Miami-Dade County has a strong tradition of honoring diversity and encouraging understanding among all peoples; and

WHEREAS, The School Board of Miami-Dade County is committed to educating the people of our community about African-American history; and

WHEREAS, The School Board of Miami-Dade County joined last fall with the Foundation for Democracy in Africa to establish sister school partnerships and cultural exchanges between the students of Miami-Dade County Public Schools and their peers in Africa; and

WHEREAS, that partnership has yielded a pilot program to be introduced this fall at Carol City Elementary, Carol City Middle, and Miami Carol City Senior High schools; and

WHEREAS, through that program, our young people will learn about Africa through academic and enrichment activities, including student exchange opportunities, to increase their awareness and appreciation of Africa's role in our common heritage; and

WHEREAS, the pilot program is consistent with the aims of the 5th Annual Africando U.S.-Africa Trade & Investment Symposium and Arts & Culture Festival, to be held in Miami May 8-12, 2002; and

WHEREAS, it is important that Miami-Dade County's citizens be aware of the School Board's partnership with the Foundation for Democracy in Africa and its great potential for promoting trade and cultural exchange between the people of our nation and Africa;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve resolution No. 02-21 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the partnership between Miami-Dade County Public Schools and the Foundation for Democracy in Africa.

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

Presented this seventeenth day of April, A.D. 2002

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY