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ACES Garden Wins 1st Place Award from Fairchild Botanical Gardens

August 2007 – Aventura, FL – Aventura City of Excellence School's, (ACES) Garden Project was designed and implemented by Middle School students this year. The eco-literacy program crossed the Middle School curriculum by covering all subject areas with every student participating.

The garden project required months of planning, preparation, cooperation, teamwork, care and attention. ACES Middle School students practiced living their values as they created S. Florida's leading school garden project, learning a lot in the process, and enjoying the experience. Science Teacher, Garden Project Leader, Ms. Lendick said, "It was truly a labor of love by all who participated!"

The ACES Garden Project was awarded first place by Fairchild Botanical Gardens for creating the top School Garden in Florida. The Fairchild Challenge is a multidisciplinary, environmental outreach program for sixth through 12th graders. The Garden project covers one category. ACES Middle School students competed with outstanding honors in many of the Fairchild Garden Challenge events.

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About ACES:

Aventura City of Excellence School (ACES), established in 2003, serves 900 students grades Kindergarten through Middle School as the first municipal-sponsored school in Miami-Dade County. ACES' brand new Middle School opened in August 2005 and will be filled to capacity in August 2007. ACES has achieved an A status for the past three years, maintains a low student-teacher ratio, state of the art facilities, advanced technology, a safe environment for students to learn, a values-based Education and a progressive curriculum; including programs for Gifted Students, Exceptional Student Education (ESE), English as a Second Language (ESOL), and Before and After School Care. ACES offers many unique programs for students and families including; twenty-six "Special Interest Clubs," 200After School Sports, Art and Drama Programs. ACES won National Promising Practices Character Education Awards for the past three years with their "Knock Your Socks Off" Parenting Workshop Program, Global Human Rights Curriculum and Community Care Outreach Program. ACES has been honored as one of the highest ranking combination schools (i.e. elementary and middle school) in the State of Florida, ranking near the top in both the state and the district. For more information, visit the school's Web site at www.aventuracharter.org or call 305-466-1499.

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