

Roger C. Cuevas, Superintendent

SUBJECT: RECOGNITION OF *PACES* PRINCIPAL PROGRAM LEADERS FOR COLLEGIAL EFFORTS

The ***Professional Assessment and Comprehensive Evaluation System (PACES)*** is the district's initiative for evaluating teachers based on classroom observation of teaching and learning. The ***PACES*** is a collaborative effort of Miami-Dade County Public Schools and the United Teachers of Dade currently being piloted in all school sites.

Whenever an innovation is introduced in a diverse district the size of Miami-Dade County Public Schools, it is critical to have spokespersons and leaders who are recognized by their peers for their expertise and credibility. It is for this reason, that at the inception of the pilot program in 1997, principals were identified by region and district personnel to work with their colleagues in multiple professional development programs needed before full implementation of the ***PACES***. These principals represent the different school levels within various school communities.

The Principal Program Leaders engaged in intensive development sessions on weekends and evenings to advance their knowledge base in preparation for the responsibility of working with colleagues. These leaders conducted 32 four-day professional development sessions with principals and assistant principals in the ***PACES*** Summer Principal Academies and 25 one-day follow-up sessions during the fall. They are presently providing professional development programs to administrators and educational specialists in the Bureau of Education.

It is for this dedication to the task and commitment to improving the teaching and learning in our schools for our children that we recognize the efforts of these principals today.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognize the ***PACES*** Principal Program Leaders for service to the District and assistance to their colleagues in providing professional development for this district initiative.

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PACES PRINCIPAL PROGRAM LEADERS

Principal Name	School Name
Ms. Olivia Bevilacqua	Redondo Elementary School
Mr. James Cerra	Lawton Chiles Middle School
Ms. Consuelo Dominguez	MAST Academy
Dr. George Ellis	South Dade Senior High School
Dr. Alberto Fernandez	Neva King Cooper Educational Center
Ms. Milagros Fornell	Felix Varela Senior High School
Ms. Patricia Grimsley	Ruben Dario Middle School
Ms. Lucy Iturrey-Perez	Kinloch Park Middle School
Ms. Rosemarie Jaworski	Joella Good Elementary School
Ms. Stella Johnson	Robert Morgan Vocational Technical Institute
Mr. George Kovachy	Meadowlane Elementary School
Mr. William Machado	Miami Coral Park Senior High School
Mr. Marcos Moran	West Miami Middle School
Ms. Arlene Ortenzo	South Pointe Elementary School
Mr. James Parker	Lindsey Hopkins Technical Education Center
Ms. Kamela Patton	Jack D. Gordon Elementary School
Ms. DanySu Pritchett	Broadmoor Elementary School
Ms. Vanassa Rivers	F. S. Tucker Elementary School
Mr. Jorge Sotolongo	Barbara Goleman Senior High School
Dr. Marshall Stearns	Olympia Heights Elementary School
Ms. Frances Young	Thomas Jefferson Middle School