

Ms. Ana Rivas Logan, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 06-50 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING ADRIENNE ARSHT FOR HER CONTRIBUTION TO THE PARENT ACADEMY

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

At the inception of The Parent Academy in 2005, Ms. Adrienne Arsht has made an impact on the program serving as Chair of the fund development efforts. Her personal commitment, a "platinum pledge" to The Parent Academy of \$50,000, served as the leading sponsorship in support of the Program's mission of providing parents with an array of learning opportunities through classes and educational events district-wide.

Over the last year, Ms. Arsht has been instrumental in raising more than \$500,000 in private funds for Year 1 of The Parent Academy. She has engaged business leaders and corporate foundations to share the importance of their investment to the academic success of our students.

Ms. Adrienne Arsht continues to reach out to business leaders and has opened the doors of the Miami Business Forum, a group of influential leaders within the Miami-Dade County community to include the Superintendent. This unique opportunity provides the Superintendent the platform to share district goals, funding needs and major accomplishments on a monthly basis.

Ms. Arsht has participated in planning sessions through all committee meetings, which brought together representatives from the community, and included PTA, FCIAC, and several district offices and departments.

As a testament to her commitment to education and the success of our community programs, Ms. Arsht made an impromptu donation at the United Way Annual meeting on June 29th to support the fund raising efforts of Miss Arielle Maffei, Student District Advisor to the School Board for a scholarship fund in support of Hispanic and Haitian students who can't afford college. Ms. Arsht's donation enabled Miss Maffei's campaign achieve its \$10,000 goal.

It is a great pleasure to have a leader as passionate and in-touch with the needs of our students as Adrienne Arsht. She serves as a valuable advocate for our priority initiatives and continues to open doors for expanded opportunities.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. ANA RIVAS LOGAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 06-50 recognizing Adrienne Arsht for her contribution to The Parent Academy.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-50
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING ADRIENNE ARSHT FOR HER CONTRIBUTION TO
THE PARENT ACADEMY

WHEREAS, Ms. Arsht's tremendous impact on the establishment, development and success of The Parent Academy is undeniable; and

WHEREAS, serving as Chair of The Parent Academy's fund development committee, she rallied the Miami-Dade business community to support this groundbreaking initiative to give parents more tools and opportunities to help their children succeed in school; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Arsht's commitment to the success of The Parent Academy included countless organizational meetings and one on one's with Miami's business leaders as well as a personal "Platinum" pledge of \$50,000; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Arsht's enthusiasm and support for The Parent Academy propelled first year private donations to more than \$500,000; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Arsht is a passionate community leader dedicated to the advancement of public education and the success of community programs; she serves as a valuable advocate for Miami-Dade County Public Schools initiatives and has made many of them become realities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution 06-50 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Adrienne Arsht for her contribution to The Parent Academy.

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

Presented this second day of August, A.D. 2006

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary