

Dr. Marta Pérez, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 08-58 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, HONORING IRA J. PAUL FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: RECRUIT, DEVELOP AND RETAIN HIGH-PERFORMING, DIVERSE, AND MOTIVATED FACULTY AND STAFF

Miami-Dade County Public Schools employees are some of the best teachers in the nation. Additionally, some teachers inspire their colleagues through their leadership and advocacy. Such a teacher is Ira J. Paul, a mathematics teacher at Hialeah-Miami Lakes Senior High School who has worked tirelessly for Miami-Dade County Public Schools. His career has been an example to students that involvement is necessary if we are to create a better future for all.

Mr. Paul served on the Executive Board of United Teachers of Dade where he advocated for all teachers and students. He chaired the Legislative Committee and was Vice Chair of the Jewish Educators Labor Caucus. He also served on the Calendar Committee and the Contract Action Team. He is currently the President of Independent Voices for Better Education, Inc., an organization which advocates for teachers' rights.

Ira J. Paul, a dedicated educator for more than thirty years, has demonstrated a stellar level of involvement in the field of education and has touched many lives. He has earned numerous awards and recognitions. He brings honor and distinction to the teaching profession and to Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

This year, Mr. Paul chose to retire from his beloved profession after a long and distinguished career. His enthusiasm for educational causes and his profession will be missed at Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. MARTA PÉREZ:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 08-58 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring Ira J. Paul for his many years of dedicated service to Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, Project Motivational Math, Inc. named Mr. Ira J. Paul the Florida High School Math Teacher of the Year for 1999-2000; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, Mr. Paul was recognized by Florida's Governor Jeb Bush and Lieutenant Governor Frank Brogan for his contributions to the education profession; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, Mr. Paul was invited by Teacher Choice, a project of the Alexis de Tocqueville Institution, to meet with a select group of members of Congress serving on the Educational Committee in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Paul was inducted into *Who's Who Among America's Teachers* in 2002; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, School Board Member Agustin J. Barrera appointed Mr. Paul to serve on the Diversity, Equity, and Excellence Advisory Committee (DEEAC); and

WHEREAS, the Florida Commissioner of Education appointed Mr. Paul to served on the E-COMP Steering Committee for performance pay in 2006; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, Mr. Paul was appointed to the Educator Advisory Council by the Foundation for Excellence in Education;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 08-58 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring Ira J. Paul for his many years of dedicated service to Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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

Presented this twenty-first day of May, A.D. 2008

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary