

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Vice Chair

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 08-67 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA RECOGNIZING DR. LOURDES C. ROVIRA FOR HER MANY YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

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

Dr. Lourdes C. Rovira has dedicated the last 35 years to serving the students of Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS). Born in Havana, Cuba, Dr. Rovira immigrated to Miami in 1961. Upon her graduation from the University of Miami with *magna cum laude* honors and a degree in elementary education, she immediately started teaching at Coral Way Elementary School, the nation's first bilingual public school. Extremely involved in school life, Dr. Rovira was elected by her peers and administrators to become a teacher-facilitator, and later, a lead teacher at the school. While serving as a full-time teacher, Dr. Rovira earned a Master of Education in Special Learning Disabilities from the University of Miami.

In 1991, Dr. Rovira joined the M-DCPS Division of Bilingual Education and World Languages as an administrator. Because of her hard work and dedication, Dr. Rovira was promoted to Administrative Director of this division in 1996. She earned a doctorate specializing in educational leadership from Nova Southeastern University in 2001.

In 2002, Dr. Rovira was promoted to Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum Development and Instructional Support. Since 2005, she has served as Associate Superintendent for the division, where she oversees a multitude of programs and initiatives aimed at ensuring that students graduating from M-DCPS have the necessary skills to enter the workforce of the 21st century.

In addition to her work as an educator, Dr. Rovira serves on various advisory councils and as a consultant to other school districts, institutions, and publishing companies. She is also one of the founding members of Amor en Acción (Love in Action), a non-profit organization of the Archdiocese of Miami.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY VICE CHAIR
PERLA TABARES HANTMAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 08-67 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Dr. Lourdes C. Rovira for her many years of dedicated service to Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

**RESOLUTION NO. 08-67
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING DR. LOURDES C. ROVIRA FOR HER MANY YEARS OF
DEDICATED SERVICE TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, Dr. Lourdes C. Rovira has dedicated the last 35 years to serving the students of Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS); and

WHEREAS, believing in the value of education, Dr. Rovira earned a Bachelor of Education and Master of Education at the University of Miami, and a Doctor of Education at Nova Southeastern University; and

WHEREAS, upon graduating from college, Dr. Rovira began teaching at Coral Way Elementary School, the nation's first bilingual public school, where she was elected by her peers and administrators to become a teacher-facilitator, and later, a lead teacher; and

WHEREAS, in 1991, Dr. Rovira joined the M-DCPS Division of Bilingual Education and World Languages as an administrator, and, because of her hard work and dedication, was promoted to Administrative Director in 1996; and

WHEREAS, as of 2005, Dr. Rovira has served as Associate Superintendent for the division, where she oversees a multitude of programs and initiatives aimed at ensuring that students graduating from M-DCPS have the necessary skills to enter the workforce of the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her work as an educator, Dr. Rovira serves on various advisory councils, as a consultant to other school districts, institutions, and publishing companies and is also one of the founding members of Amor en Acción (Love in Action), a non-profit organization of the Archdiocese of Miami;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 08-67 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Dr. Lourdes C. Rovira for her 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 eighteenth day of June, A.D. 2008

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary