

Ms. Ana Rivas Logan, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 08-79 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING MADELYNE ALVAREZ FOR HER DEDICATION TO THE STUDENTS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

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

A career science teacher, Madelyne Alvarez has dedicated her professional life to expanding the minds of students. Born in Ponce, Puerto Rico, Ms. Alvarez has lived and taught in Miami for more than two decades. An exceptional teacher, Ms. Alvarez was instrumental in establishing the Forensic Science elective course at John A. Ferguson Senior High School. Under her guidance, the course has grown immensely, increasing from five sessions its first year to 12 sessions last year in order to meet student demand. Ms. Alvarez believes that the course presents a unique opportunity to increase students' awareness and interest in science as a worthwhile career, and provides an avenue for students to gain valuable experience in problem-solving and critical thinking.

A strong believer in the value of an education, Ms. Alvarez earned a bachelor's degree in science from The Catholic University of America. In May 1990, she earned a Master of Science in education from the University of Miami. That same year, she also earned a Master of Science in psychology. In addition to teaching at John A. Ferguson Senior High School, Ms. Alvarez taught for 16 years at Miami Springs Middle School. While at Miami Springs Middle, she was elected Teacher of the Year in 1991 and Science Teacher of the Year in 1999.

Ms. Alvarez's greatest professional accomplishment was receiving National Board Certification in 2002. Her stellar attendance record is a testament to her commitment to her work as a teacher and her dedication to her students. She believes that "a teacher is an everyday of the year thing."

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 08-79 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Madelyne Alvarez for her dedication to the students of Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

**RESOLUTION NO. 08-79  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING MADELYNE ALVAREZ FOR HER DEDICATION TO THE STUDENTS  
OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**WHEREAS**, a career science teacher, Madelyne Alvarez has dedicated 22 years to serving the students of Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS); and

**WHEREAS**, a strong believer in the value of an education, Ms. Alvarez earned a bachelor's degree in science from The Catholic University of America, and a Master of Science in both education and psychology from the University of Miami; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Alvarez currently teaches a forensic science class at John A. Ferguson Senior High School, a course that is extremely popular among the students and that Ms. Alvarez was instrumental in developing; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Alvarez believes that the course presents a unique opportunity to increase students' awareness and interest in science as a worthwhile career, and it provides an avenue for students to gain valuable experience in problem-solving and critical thinking; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Alvarez's greatest professional accomplishment has been receiving National Board Certification; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Alvarez's stellar attendance record is a testament to her commitment to her work as a teacher and her dedication to her students, as she believes that "a teacher is an everyday of the year thing;"

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 08-79 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Madelyne Alvarez for her dedication to the students of Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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

**Presented this fourth day of August, A.D. 2008**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary