

Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-131 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING DR. EDUARDO J. PADRÓN AS ONE OF THE TEN BEST COLLEGE PRESIDENTS, AS DESIGNATED BY TIME MAGAZINE

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: ACTIVELY ENGAGE FAMILY AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO BECOME OUR PARTNERS IN RAISING AND MAINTAINING HIGH STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

In 2009, Dr. Eduardo J. Padrón was recognized as one of the ten best college presidents by *TIME* magazine and was the only Florida college president to appear on the list. Since 1995, Dr. Padrón has served as president of Miami Dade College, the nation's largest institution of higher education. With eight campuses and several outreach centers, Miami Dade College serves more than 170,000 students. The mission of Miami Dade College is to provide accessible, affordable, high quality education by keeping the learner's needs at the center of decision-making and working in partnership with its dynamic, multicultural community. Miami Dade College annually awards more associate degrees than any other community college in the United States and enrolls and graduates more minority students than any other college or university in the nation.

Dr. Padrón's accomplishments at Miami Dade College have been lauded as a model of innovation in higher education. A supporter of innovative teaching and learning strategies, Dr. Padrón is credited with creating a culture of success that has led to impressive results in student achievement. Under Dr. Padrón's leadership, Miami Dade College has received national recognition, including the "2008 Exemplary Award for Improving General Education" from the Association for General and Liberal Studies and the "2008 Fourth Best College for Digital Transformation" from the National Center for Digital Education.

Widely recognized as one of the top educational leaders in the world, Dr. Padrón regularly participates in educational policy forums worldwide. He was recognized as one of America's foremost educators by President Bill Clinton and he was nominated by President George W. Bush to the National Institute for Literacy Advisory Board. Dr. Padrón represented the United States at UNESCO's World Conference on Higher Education at the request of President Barack Obama. He was also recently named "Floridian of the Year" by *Florida Trend* magazine in honor of his significant contributions to the state of Florida in 2009.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. LAWRENCE S. FELDMAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-131 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Dr. Eduardo J. Padrón as one of the Ten Best College Presidents, as designated by *TIME* magazine.

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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING DR. EDUARDO J. PADRÓN AS ONE OF THE TEN BEST COLLEGE
PRESIDENTS, AS DESIGNATED BY TIME MAGAZINE**

WHEREAS, since 1995, Dr. Eduardo J. Padrón has served as president of Miami Dade College, the nation's largest institution of higher education, serving more than 170,000 students; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Padrón was recently recognized as one of the ten best college presidents by *TIME* magazine and was the only Florida college president to appear on the list; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Miami Dade College is to provide accessible, affordable, high quality education by keeping the learner's needs at the center of decision-making and working in partnership with its dynamic, multicultural community; and

WHEREAS, Miami Dade College annually awards more associate degrees than any other community college in the United States and enrolls and graduates more minority students than any other college or university in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Padrón's accomplishments at Miami Dade College have been lauded as a model of innovation in higher education, and he is credited with creating a culture of success that has led to impressive results in student achievement; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Padrón is widely recognized as one of the top educational leaders in the world and Miami Dade College has received national recognition under his leadership;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-131 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Dr. Eduardo J. Padrón as one of the Ten Best College Presidents, as designated by *TIME* magazine.

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

Presented this thirteenth day of January, A.D. 2010

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary