

Dr. Marta Pérez, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF SCHOOL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 09-136 HONORING DR. LUIS ORTA FOR HIS APPOINTMENT TO THE STATE OF FLORIDA BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGISTS

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT

STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE STUDENT HEALTH

Dr. Luis Orta, one of our employees, was recently appointed by Governor Charlie Crist to the State of Florida Board of Psychologists. Dr. Orta is the first psychologist from Miami-Dade County Public Schools to be so recognized to serve on this board. The Florida Board of Psychologists is the state agency responsible for overseeing the practice of psychology in Florida, and reviews credentials and administers examinations to individuals applying for license to practice psychology in Florida.

A veteran in the field of psychology and mental health, Dr. Orta has worked for the District in various capacities since 1989 and prior to that collaborated with the court system in working with some of the community's most vulnerable children. He is currently an Adjunct Professor at his alma mater, Carlos Albizu University, where he teaches courses in Psychology, Government, and Education.

Dr. Orta is the president and founder of the Association for Psychological Services, Inc., a local non-profit organization dedicated to addressing the problem of nicotine addiction amongst school-age children and adolescents and on re-educating seniors on their unique nutritional needs based on the preventive medical model.

Our school district is fortunate to have in our ranks a professional of the caliber of Dr. Orta, who brings honor and distinction to Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. MARTA PÉREZ: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-136, recognizing Dr. Luis Orta for being the first school psychologist from Miami-Dade County Public Schools to be appointed to the State Board of Psychologists.

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-136
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
RECOGNIZING DR. LUIS ORTA FOR BEING THE FIRST SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST
FROM MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO BE APPOINTED TO THE STATE
BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGISTS**

WHEREAS, Dr. Luis Orta, a Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) employee, was recently appointed by Governor Charlie Crist to the State of Florida Board of Psychologists. He is the first psychologist from M-DCPS to be recognized to serve on this board; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Board of Psychologists is the state agency responsible for overseeing the practice of psychology in Florida, and reviews credentials and administers examinations to individuals applying for a license to practice psychology in Florida; and

WHEREAS, a veteran in the field of psychology and mental health, Dr. Orta has worked for the District in various capacities since 1989 and prior to that collaborated with the court system in working with some of the community's most vulnerable children; and

WHEREAS, in addition to serving as an Adjunct Professor at his alma mater, Carlos Albizu University, Dr. Orta is the president and founder of the Association for Psychological Services, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, our school district is fortunate to have in our ranks a professional of the caliber of Dr. Orta, who brings honor and distinction to Miami-Dade County Public Schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-136 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida recognizing Dr. Luis Orta for being the first school psychologist from Miami-Dade County Public Schools to be appointed to the State Board of Psychologists.

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