

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Vice Chair

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 10-044 OF  
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,  
FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING DR. ANTONIO SAUD FOR HIS  
CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR COMMUNITY**

**COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY AND GOVERNMENTAL  
RELATIONS**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC  
FRAMEWORK: STUDENT, PARENT, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Miami-Dade County Public Schools is fortunate to have a cadre of individuals who have given generously of their time and resources to the development of our community's human capital. The school district has a longstanding history of recognizing individuals who pursue the well-being and the betterment of humanity, especially as it relates to the education, knowledge, and prosperity of each and every one of its citizens. One such individual is Dr. Antonio Saud.

Dr. Antonio Saud, a native of Pinal del Rio, Cuba is from humble and hard-working origins. Dr. Saud understood early in life the significance and importance of an education. He studied medicine at the University of Havana where he successfully graduated receiving his medical diploma in 1959. Dr. Saud also was an outspoken proponent of freedom and democratic values. His commitment to these values came into conflict with the ruling government, and he was arrested and jailed as a political prisoner for more than a decade. In 1988, Dr. Saud gained his freedom and immigrated to the United States.

Once in this country, Dr. Saud joined other professionals and established the Florida International Medical Association (FIMA), a not-for-profit private organization created to help incoming foreign professionals pass exams in order to validate their diploma certificates. As chairman of this association, Dr. Saud has been able to help doctors, including pharmacists, dentists, nurses, engineers, architects, general contractors, and veterinarians.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools' (M-DCPS) Division of Adult Education supports FIMA's educational program. This is the first program of this kind in the United States. By helping professionals validate their credentials, FIMA and M-DCPS strengthen the economy and make the American Dream attainable.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 10-044 of The School Board Of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Dr. Antonio Saud for his contributions to our community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-044  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING DR. ANTONIO SAUD FOR HIS  
CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR COMMUNITY**

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Antonio Saud, a native of Pinal del Rio, Cuba is from humble and hard-working origins; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Saud understood early in life the significance and importance of an education. He studied medicine at the University of Havana where he was an outspoken proponent of freedom and democratic values that are at the core of every free human being; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Saud established the Florida International Medical Association (FIMA), a not-for-profit private organization created to help incoming foreign professionals pass exams in order to validate their diploma certificates; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County Public Schools' (M-DCPS) Division of Adult Education supports FIMA's educational program. This is the first program of this nature in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends Dr. Antonio Saud for his courage, dedication and commitment to the principles of freedom and equality;

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 10-044 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Dr. Antonio Saud for his contributions to our community.

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

**Presented this twelfth day of May, A.D. 2010**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary