

Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 10-082
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING JANIS KLEIN-YOUNG**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

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

The Corporation for National and Community Service, the nation's largest grant maker in support of service and volunteering, recently honored three volunteers with the "Spirit of Service Award" at its National Conference on Volunteering and Service. The awards are given annually to individuals representing each of the corporation's three national service programs – AmeriCorps, Senior Corps, and Learn and Serve America – who have performed exemplary service in their communities. Ms. Janis Klein-Young, a fine arts teacher at the Young Men's Academy for Academic and Civic Development at MacArthur South, was named the recipient of the Learn and Serve America Spirit of Service Award. Ms. Klein-Young was honored for exemplifying the best of the American spirit in proving that service learning can help solve local problems.

Ms. Klein-Young has taught fine arts to students in Miami-Dade County Public Schools for 35 years. With funding from Florida Learn and Serve, she designed an arts-based service learning project at MacArthur South that has grown into a nationally recognized program and model. The program changed her students' lives and propelled her to become Miami-Dade County Public Schools 2002 Teacher of the Year. Ms. Klein-Young's program enables students to learn indigenous arts and crafts techniques from local artists at ArtSouth in Homestead. The students then teach their new skills to local senior citizens and elementary school students who are immobile due to disabilities. Students also conduct community, cultural and arts events in Homestead, provide tours of ArtSouth, and create public murals.

The Learn and Serve America Spirit Award is given to those who exemplify the transformative power of service. In the year following the participation of Ms. Klein-Young's students in the program, attendance rose 15 percent, student GPAs rose 252 percent, and the average number of student suspensions decreased by more than 70 percent.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. LAWRENCE S. FELDMAN: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 10-082 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Janis Klein-Young.

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-082
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING JANIS KLEIN-YOUNG**

WHEREAS, Ms. Janis Klein-Young, a fine arts teacher at the Young Men's Academy for Academic and Civic Development at MacArthur South, was named the recipient of the Corporation for National and Community Service's Learn and Serve America Spirit of Service Award; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Klein-Young was honored for exemplifying the best of the American spirit in proving that service learning can help solve local problems; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Klein-Young has taught fine arts to students in Miami-Dade County Public Schools for 35 years; and

WHEREAS, with funding from Florida Learn and Serve, Ms. Klein-Young designed an arts-based service learning project at MacArthur South that has grown into a nationally recognized program and model; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Klein-Young's program enables students to learn indigenous arts and crafts techniques from local artists at ArtSouth in Homestead. The students then teach their new skills to local senior citizens and elementary school students who are immobile due to disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Learn and Serve America Spirit Award is given to those who exemplify the transformative power of service. In the year following the participation of Ms. Klein-Young's students in the program, attendance rose 15 percent, student GPAs rose 252 percent, and the average number of student suspensions decreased by more than 70 percent;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 10-082 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Janis Klein-Young.

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

Presented this fourth day of August, A.D. 2010

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary