

Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 10-086
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING COMMISSIONER KATY
SORENSEN**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

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

Since 1994, Commissioner Katy Sorenson has served on the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners, representing the residents of District 8. Commissioner Sorenson's District covers southern Miami-Dade County, including more than 170,000 residents, three cities, and vast agricultural lands. Commissioner Sorenson chairs the Budget, Planning and Sustainability Committee, serves as Vice Chair of the State Intergovernmental Affairs Subcommittee, and she is a member of the Housing & Community Development, Recreation, Culture & Tourism, and Transit, Infrastructure & Roads committees. A strong supporter of our community, Commissioner Sorenson is an advocate for children and families, protecting our environment, improving health care, crime prevention, civil rights protection, good government, and the arts.

Through her work on behalf of children and families, Commissioner Sorenson created and co-chaired the Working Group on Public Schools Overcrowding Relief, tasked with providing solutions to school overcrowding. She also fought for increased funding to expand Head Start, a national school readiness program. In addition, Commissioner Sorenson established the Homestead Educational Facilities Benefit District, negotiated the restoration of the Homestead Farm Life School, and advocated for school concurrency in development applications. Commissioner Sorenson has been honored by several organizations for her community leadership, including receiving a "Woman of Valor" award from the Children's Home Society in 2008. In addition, Commissioner Sorenson has served as PTA president at Palmetto Elementary School and as chair of the Citizens Coalition for Public Schools.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends Commissioner Katy Sorenson for her commitment and dedication to the students, parents, and families of Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. LAWRENCE S. FELDMAN:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 10-086 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Commissioner Katy Sorenson.

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-086
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING COMMISSIONER KATY SORENSON**

WHEREAS, Commissioner Katy Sorenson has served on the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners since 1994, representing the residents of District 8; and

WHEREAS, a strong supporter of our community, Commissioner Sorenson is an advocate for children and families, protecting our environment, improving health care, crime prevention, civil rights protection, and good government; and

WHEREAS, through her work on behalf of children and families, Commissioner Sorenson created and co-chaired the Working Group on Public Schools Overcrowding Relief, tasked with providing solutions to school overcrowding. She also fought for increased funding to expand Head Start, a national school readiness program; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Sorenson has served as PTA president at Palmetto Elementary School and as chair of the Citizens Coalition for Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, through the years, Commissioner Sorenson has been honored by several organizations for her leadership and work on behalf of our community; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends Commissioner Katy Sorenson for her commitment and dedication to the students, parents, and families of Miami-Dade County Public Schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 10-086 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Commissioner Katy Sorenson.

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

Presented this seventh day of September, A.D. 2010

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary