

Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, Vice Chair

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 10-104 OF
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING MARIA TERESA ROJAS FOR HER YEARS OF
SERVICE TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
FRAMEWORK: SCHOOL/DISTRICT LEADERSHIP**

Ms. Maria Teresa Rojas has dedicated more than 35 years to serving the students, parents, and families of Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS). Passionate about education, Ms. Rojas began her career in 1973 as a substitute teacher and teacher assistant. In August 1975, she began working as a first-grade teacher at Flagler Elementary School, and in 1987 she was honored as a South Central Area finalist for Teacher of the Year. After demonstrating an interest in administration, Ms. Rojas was selected to participate in the LEO-T program at South Hialeah, Sunset Park, and Cutler Ridge elementary schools. She later went on to serve as assistant principal at South Hialeah and Hialeah elementary schools.

As a result of her hard work and dedication, Ms. Rojas was promoted to principal of Bel-Aire Elementary School in 1991 and she was recognized as the Rookie Principal of the Year for Region IV. In 1993, she became principal of Sunset Elementary School. During her seven year tenure at the school, Ms. Rojas was instrumental in helping the school earn many honors and distinctions, including the Governor's Sterling Award, Magnet Schools of America National Merit Award, and recognition as a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence. She was named the 1994-1995 Principal of the Year for Region IV and was the District's first runner-up for Principal of the Year. In 2002, Ms. Rojas was promoted to Region V Director and later served as principal of Flagami Elementary School. In 2004, Ms. Rojas was promoted to the position of Assistant Superintendent, Office of Professional Standards.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends Ms. Maria Teresa Rojas for her commitment and dedication to education, and for her tireless energy and enthusiasm on behalf of the District's students and employees.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY VICE-CHAIR
DR. LAWRENCE S. FELDMAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 10-104 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Maria Teresa Rojas for her years of service to Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, Ms. Maria Teresa Rojas has dedicated more than 35 years to serving the students, parents, and families of Miami-Dade County Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, passionate about education, Ms. Rojas began her career as a substitute teacher and teacher assistant. She later worked as a first-grade teacher at Flagler Elementary School, and in 1987 she was honored as a South Central Area finalist for Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, demonstrating an interest in administration, Ms. Rojas served as assistant principal at South Hialeah and Hialeah elementary schools. As a result of her hard work and dedication, Ms. Rojas was promoted to principal of Bel-Aire Elementary School in 1991 and she was recognized as the Rookie Principal of the Year for Region IV; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rojas was named the 1994-1995 Principal of the Year for Region IV and was the District's first runner-up for Principal of the Year; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, Ms. Rojas was promoted to the position of Assistant Superintendent, Office of Professional Standards; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends Ms. Maria Teresa Rojas for her commitment and dedication to education, and for her tireless energy and enthusiasm on behalf of the District's students and employees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 10-104 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Maria Teresa Rojas for her years of service to Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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

Presented this fifteenth day of December, A.D. 2010

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary