

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 12-039 OF
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING DOROTHY WRIGHT EDWARDS FOR HER
COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL, EXCELLENCE, AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

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

Dorothy Wright Edwards was born in Jacksonville, Florida, on January 13, 1914. Believing in the value of an education, Ms. Edwards earned a bachelor's degree from Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University, where she was one of the first women to graduate with a degree in physical education in 1935. She later earned a master's degree in guidance and counseling from New York University.

An educator at heart, Ms. Edwards served the students, parents, and families of Miami-Dade County Public Schools in several capacities for many years. She retired as an assistant principal and also served as Dean of girls at D.A. Dorsey Educational Center and Miami Northwestern Senior High School. During her tenure at Miami Northwestern, she was recognized twice as a "Star Teacher."

Over the years, Ms. Edwards has been recognized by many organizations, including Who's Who in American Education, for her service as an educator and for contributions to the community. An exemplary advocate for volunteerism, Ms. Edwards was honored by Florida Memorial University for her dedicated service to the community, and she received a volunteer award from Jackson Memorial Hospital in recognition of 25 years of service. In addition, Ms. Edwards is a recipient of The Algonquin Club Award for Education Excellence and the state of Florida Chamber of Commerce Florida Star Award. She holds memberships in several organizations including the Gamma Zeta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., APGA South Florida Guidance Association, and the Council for International Visitors of Greater Miami Women's Guild.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends Dorothy Wright Edwards for her commitment to education, her compassion for helping others, her spirit of cooperativeness and her enthusiasm for life.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS-MINDINGALL: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-039 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Dorothy Wright Edwards for her commitment to education and community service.

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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
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EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

WHEREAS, Dorothy Wright Edwards was born in Jacksonville, Florida, on January 13, 1914; and

WHEREAS, believing in the value of an education, Ms. Edwards earned a bachelor's degree from Florida Agricultural & Mechanical University, where she was one of the first women to graduate with a degree in physical education in 1935. She later earned a master's degree in guidance and counseling from New York University; and

WHEREAS, an educator at heart, Ms. Edwards served the students, parents, and families of Miami-Dade County Public Schools in several capacities for many years.; and

WHEREAS, over the years, Ms. Edwards has been recognized by many organizations, including Who's Who in American Education, for her service as an educator and for contributions to the community; and

WHEREAS, an exemplary advocate for volunteerism, Ms. Edwards was honored by Florida Memorial University for her dedicated service to the community, and she received a volunteer award from Jackson Memorial Hospital in recognition of 25 years of service; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends Dorothy Wright Edwards for her commitment to education, her compassion for helping others, her spirit of cooperativeness and her enthusiasm for life;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-039 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Dorothy Wright Edwards for her commitment to education and community service.

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

Presented this fifteenth day of February A.D. 2012

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary