

Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, Vice Chair

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 12-043 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING ALEXANDRE LOPES AS THE 2013 FRANCISCO R. WALKER TEACHER OF THE YEAR, SHERIF WATSON AS THE ROOKIE TEACHER OF THE YEAR, MANUELA VICTOR AS PARAPROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR AND BARBARA JORDAN AS OFFICE EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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

Every year, Miami-Dade County Public Schools recognizes its brightest and most outstanding educators during the Francisco R. Walker Miami-Dade County Teacher of the Year luncheon. On February 3, teachers, administrators, school staff and interested citizens gathered at the Doral Golf Resort & Spa's Legends Ballroom to watch the finalists vie for the coveted Teacher of the Year and Rookie Teacher of the Year recognition.

Alexandre Lopes, a prekindergarten teacher of students with autism at Carol City Elementary School, was named the 2013 Francisco R. Walker Miami-Dade County Teacher of the Year. Mr. Lopes emphasizes using the senses to make learning make sense. His class engages students through playing musical instruments and taking steps in time with their spoken words. His class is described as peaceful, joyful and enticing.

Sherif Watson, a fifth-grade language arts teacher at Santa Clara Elementary School, was named the Rookie Teacher of the Year. Mr. Watson emphasizes problem solving and critical thinking as a means to achievement. He takes a contemporary approach to education that establishes his role as learning facilitator and coach.

Earlier this year, Manuela Victor a paraprofessional at William H. Turner Technical Arts High School was named Paraprofessional of the Year and Barbara Jordan a secretary at MAST Academy was named the Office Employee of the Year for outstanding contributions towards student support services and school operations in their respective fields.

Alexandre Lopes, Sherif Watson, Manuela Victor and Barbara Jordan are to be commended for their dedication to the students and families of Miami-Dade County Public Schools. Their commitment to excellence has enriched the lives of countless students.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. LAWRENCE S. FELDMAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-043 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Alexandre Lopes as the 2013 Francisco R. Walker Teacher of the Year, Sherif Watson as the Rookie Teacher of the Year, Manuela Victor as Paraprofessional of the Year and Barbara Jordan as Office Employee of the Year.

**REPLACEMENT
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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING ALEXANDRE LOPES AS THE 2013 FRANCISCO R. WALKER TEACHER OF THE
YEAR, SHERIF WATSON AS THE ROOKIE TEACHER OF THE YEAR, MANUELA VICTOR AS
PARAPROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR AND BARBARA JORDAN AS
OFFICE EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR**

WHEREAS, every year, Miami-Dade County Public Schools recognizes its brightest and most outstanding educators, paraprofessionals and employees; and

WHEREAS, Alexandre Lopes, a prekindergarten teacher of students with autism at Carol City Elementary School, was named the 2013 Francisco R. Walker Miami-Dade County Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Sherif Watson, a fifth-grade language arts teacher at Santa Clara Elementary School, was named the Rookie Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, earlier this year, Manuela Victor, a paraprofessional at William H. Turner Technical Arts High School, was named Paraprofessional of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Jordan, a secretary at MAST Academy, was named the Office Employee of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Alexandre Lopes, Sherif Watson, Manuela Victor and Barbara Jordan are to be commended for their dedication to the students and families of Miami-Dade County Public Schools. Their commitment to excellence has enriched the lives of countless students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-043 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Alexandre Lopes as the 2013 Francisco R. Walker Teacher of the Year, Sherif Watson as the Rookie Teacher of the Year, Manuela Victor as Paraprofessional of the Year and Barbara Jordan as Office Employee of the Year.

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

Presented this seventh day of March A.D. 2012

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary