

Dr. Wilbert "Tee" Holloway, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 13-036 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING DR. PABLO ORTIZ, FORMER PRINCIPAL OF MIAMI EDISON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL, FOR BEING NAMED FLORIDA OUTSTANDING PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR AND DR. DENISE BARRETT-JOHNSON, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL AT LAKE STEVENS MIDDLE SCHOOL, FOR BEING NAMED FLORIDA OUTSTANDING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

COMMITTEE: SCHOOL SUPPORT AND ACCOUNTABILITY

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

Two administrators from Miami-Dade County Public Schools won top honors for their superior leadership skills during the eighth-annual Commissioner's Summit for Principals. Dr. Pablo Ortiz, former principal of Miami Edison Senior High School, was named the Florida Outstanding Principal of the Year, and Dr. Denise Barrett-Johnson, assistant principal at Lake Stevens Middle School, was named Florida Outstanding Assistant Principal of the Year. Commissioner of Education Tony Bennett presented Dr. Ortiz with a \$5,000 check and an additional \$1,000 for his school. Dr. Barrett-Johnson was presented with a check for \$2,500 and \$575 for her school.

Increasing student achievement was the primary focus of Dr. Ortiz's tenure at Miami Edison Senior High School, where he directed a cultural change involving students, teachers, staff, parents, and the community and led the most dramatic two-year turnaround of any school in Florida. Under his leadership, Miami Edison had its first Silver Knight Award recipient in almost 20 years and three students earned the coveted Gates Millennium Scholarship Award. Dr. Ortiz currently serves as Assistant Superintendent, Education Transformation Office.

Dr. Barrett-Johnson has used her leadership skills to create a safe, positive, and academically enriching learning environment for her students. Over the past two years, she has worked to build a successful literacy program at Lake Stevens Middle School, which contributed to improving the school's rating to a "B." Her most noteworthy accomplishments as an assistant principal include creating literacy programs, social studies education, building family and community partnerships, and motivating faculty, staff, and students. She believes that education is a community effort requiring the investment and resources of all stakeholders.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends Dr. Pablo Ortiz and Dr. Denise Barrett-Johnson for their commitment and dedication to increasing student performance and for creating a nurturing learning environment for all students.

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This item does not appear on the published Agenda. There exists good cause to vary from the published Agenda in order to timely and properly honor these individuals and because the aforementioned awards were presented after the publication of the Agenda.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-036 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, APPROVING THE AWARDS PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER HELD ON APRIL 10, 2013, AT THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 1000 BROWARD AVENUE, MIAMI, FLORIDA 33132, TO DR. PABLO ORTIZ, FORMER PRINCIPAL OF MIAMI EDISON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL, FOR BEING NAMED FLORIDA OUTSTANDING PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR AND DR. DENISE BARRETT-JOHNSON, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL AT LAKE STEVENS MIDDLE SCHOOL, FOR BEING NAMED FLORIDA OUTSTANDING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR.

WHEREAS, the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, is pleased to recognize the outstanding contributions of Dr. Pablo Ortiz and Dr. Denise Barrett-Johnson to the education of our students; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Pablo Ortiz, former Principal of Miami Edison Senior High School, was named Florida Outstanding Principal of the Year for 2012; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Denise Barrett-Johnson, Assistant Principal at Lake Stevens Middle School, was named Florida Outstanding Assistant Principal of the Year for 2012;

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. WILBERT "TEE" HOLLOWAY:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 13-036 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Dr. Pablo Ortiz, former Principal of Miami Edison Senior High School, for being named Florida Outstanding Principal of the Year and Dr. Denise Barrett-Johnson, Assistant Principal at Lake Stevens Middle School, for being named Florida Outstanding Assistant Principal of the Year.

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WHEREAS, two administrators from Miami-Dade County Public Schools won top honors for their superior leadership skills during the eighth-annual Commissioner's Summit for Principals; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Pablo Ortiz, former principal of Miami Edison Senior High School, was named the Florida Outstanding Principal of the Year, and Dr. Denise Barrett-Johnson, assistant principal at Lake Stevens Middle School, was named Florida Outstanding Assistant Principal of the Year; and

WHEREAS, increasing student achievement was the primary focus of Dr. Ortiz's tenure at Miami Edison Senior High School, where he directed a cultural change involving students, teachers, staff, parents, and the community and led the most dramatic two-year turnaround of any school in Florida; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Barrett-Johnson has used her leadership skills to create a safe, positive, and academically enriching learning environment for her students. Her most noteworthy accomplishments as an assistant principal include creating literacy programs, social studies education, building family and community partnerships, and motivating faculty, staff, and students; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends Dr. Pablo Ortiz and Dr. Denise Barrett-Johnson for their commitment and dedication to increasing student performance and for creating a nurturing learning environment for all students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 13-036 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Dr. Pablo Ortiz, former Principal of Miami Edison Senior High School, for being named Florida Outstanding Principal of the Year and Dr. Denise Barrett-Johnson, Assistant Principal at Lake Stevens Middle School, for being named Florida Outstanding Assistant Principal of the Year.

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

Presented this thirteenth day of February, A.D. 2013

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary