

Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, Vice Chair

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 14-105 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING MILAGROS "MILLIE" FORNELL

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: SCHOOL/DISTRICT LEADERSHIP

Milagros Fornell began her professional career in education in 1978 as a mathematics teacher for Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS). The 1983 McMillan Mathematics Teacher of the Year went on to chair the Math Department at Hammocks Junior High School and was selected as the 1984 Mathematics District Teacher of the Year. She went on to hold numerous leadership titles within the county, including regional curriculum coordinator, school-site administrator, and regional administrator.

In 2009, Millie assumed the role of Associate Superintendent/Chief Academic Officer for M-DCPS. Ms. Fornell's many achievements in this role include the increase of participation and performance of students in Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment courses. Ms. Fornell retired in June 2014 as the Chief of Staff for M-DCPS Superintendent Alberto M. Carvalho. During her time in this position she oversaw the successful implementation of the District's Digital Convergence Project.

Millie's commitment to the District's strong focus on the effective use of data-driven instruction and the reframing of the District's priorities to reflect the singular goal of student academic achievement has heralded unprecedented student achievement and increases in graduation rates for our most fragile communities.

During her rich and extensive experience in public education, Ms. Fornell has been the recipient of numerous awards that include the 1984 M-DCPS Teacher of the Year; 1998 South Florida Phi Beta Kappa Superior High School Principal; 2001 Student Services Principal of the Year; 2001 Media Specialists' High School Principal of the Year; and 2001 Regional VI Principal of the Year. In 2012, she received the Florida International University (FIU) Torch Award as a distinguished alumnus of the College of Education.

Throughout her storied career, Millie's focus on student achievement and meaningful learning have been hallmarks of her leadership. Her years of service are recognized and appreciated by the M-DCPS Board on behalf of the students and teachers she touched and served.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. LAWRENCE S. FELDMAN: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida approve Resolution No. 14-105 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida recognizing Milagros "Millie" Fornell.

**RESOLUTION No. 14-105
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
RECOGNIZING MILAGROS "MILLIE" FORNELL**

WHEREAS, Milagros "Millie" Fornell, a native of Cuba, came to this country in search of freedom and individual self-determination and began her professional career in education in 1978 as a mathematics teacher for Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS); and

WHEREAS, she went on to hold numerous leadership titles within the county, including regional curriculum coordinator, school-site administrator, and regional administrator. In 2009, Millie assumed the role of Associate Superintendent/Chief Academic Officer for M-DCPS increasing the participation and performance of students in Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment courses; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Fornell retired in June 2014 as the Chief of Staff for M-DCPS Superintendent Alberto M. Carvalho. Millie's commitment to the District's strong focus on the effective use of data-driven instruction and the reframing of the District's priorities to reflect the singular goal of student academic achievement has heralded unprecedented student achievement and increases in graduation rates for our most fragile communities; and

WHEREAS, during her rich and extensive experience in public education, Ms. Fornell has been the recipient of numerous awards that include the 1984 Miami-Dade County Public Schools Teacher of the Year; 1998 South Florida Phi Beta Kappa Superior High School Principal; 2001 Student Services Principal of the Year; 2001 Media Specialists' High School Principal of the Year; Florida International University (FIU) Torch Award; and 2001 Regional VI Principal of the Year; and

WHEREAS, throughout her storied career, Millie's focus on student achievement and meaningful learning have been hallmarks of her leadership. Her years of service are recognized and appreciated by the M-DCPS Board on behalf of the students and teachers she touched and served.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 14-105 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Milagros "Millie" Fornell.

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

Presented this nineteenth day of November, A.D. 2014

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary