

Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 16-031 OF
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING AIR BASE K-8 CENTER FOR
INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION PTSA**

**COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS, AND
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
BLUEPRINT: SAFE, HEALTHY AND SUPPORTIVE LEARNING
ENVIRONMENT**

The Parent Teacher Association (PTA/PTSA) is the largest volunteer organization in the United States with a singular and strategic purpose - to serve children, their families, and their school communities. There are over six million PTA/PTSA members in the nation with more than 364,000 members in Florida. Miami-Dade County Public Schools is fortunate to have the dynamic and dedicated Miami-Dade Council of PTA/PTSA whose strategic initiatives in advocacy advances educationally sound and student-centered legislation. Through structured leadership and commitment to their mission, PTA/PTSA's membership support access and opportunity by speaking on behalf of children and youth in schools and community, and before governmental agencies and organizations that make decisions affecting children; assist parents in developing skills needed to raise and protect their children; and encourage parent and public involvement in our schools. PTSA leadership at two local schools exemplify outstanding dedication to this mission and are to be commended for their contributions to enhancing education and the learning environment for all children in their school community.

The Air Base K-8 Center for International Education PTSA has been a driving force behind the literacy programs at the school. Their investment in the Accelerated Reader program, Scholastic Book Fair proceeds, agenda planners for grades Kindergarten through eighth, and Reading Around the World initiative are all examples of the impact they have on student achievement. They also play an important role in supporting student incentive programs such as the Attendance Incentive Program, Honor Roll, Character Education Student of the Month, Cafeteria Behavior Incentive, Teacher of the Year Recognition and Teacher Appreciation activities. Their annual Family Fun Day brings magnet families together for an outstanding carnival-like day of fun. As a full magnet school with families living across a broad geographic area, this event brings everyone together and serves as a fantastic fundraiser. The PTSA is an extremely valuable partner in education at Air Base K-8 Center for International Education.

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Mrs. Linda Lockee, the PTSA President, has led by example since assuming her role. She is a natural leader who, in spite of family obligations as an active duty military family and through her husband's deployment, has never ceased to support the school. Charismatic and energetic, Mrs. Lockee leads a committed group of parent volunteers to great heights at and goes above and beyond for the students and families of Air Base K-8 Center for International Education.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. LAWRENCE S. FELDMAN:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 16-031 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the PTSA of Air Base K-8 Center for International Education.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 16-031
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING AIR BASE K-8 CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION PTSA**

WHEREAS, The Parent Teacher Association (PTA/PTSA) is the largest volunteer organization in the United States with a singular and strategic purpose - to serve children, their families, and their school communities. There are over six million PTA/PTSA members in the nation with more than 364,000 members in Florida; and

WHEREAS, here in Miami-Dade County Public Schools, we are fortunate to have the dynamic and committed Miami-Dade Council of PTA/PTSA whose initiatives in advocacy work to enhance and advance educationally sound and student-centered legislation; and

WHEREAS, through structured leadership and unyielding commitment to their mission, PTA/PTSA's leadership support and speak on behalf of children and youth in the schools, in the community, and before governmental agencies and organizations that make decisions affecting children; assist parents in developing the skills they need to raise and protect their children; and encourage parent and public involvement in our schools; and

WHEREAS, The Air Base K-8 Center for International Education PTSA has been a driving force behind the Literacy Programs at the school. Their investment in the Accelerated Reader program, Scholastic Book Fair proceeds, agenda planners for grades Kindergarten through eighth, and Reading Around the World initiative are all examples of the impact they have on student achievement. They also support student incentive programs such as the Attendance Incentive Program, Honor Roll, Character Education Student of the Month, Cafeteria Behavior Incentive, Teacher of the Year Recognition and Teacher Appreciation activities. Their annual Family Fun Day brings magnet families together for an outstanding carnival-like day of fun. As a full magnet school with families living across a broad geographic area, this event brings everyone together and serves as a fantastic fundraiser. The PTSA is an extremely valuable partner in education at Air Base K-8 Center for International Education; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Linda Lockee, the PTSA President, has led by example since assuming her role. She is a natural leader who, in spite of family obligations as an active duty military family and through her husband's deployment, has never ceased to support the school. Charismatic and energetic, Mrs. Lockee leads a committed group of parent volunteers to great heights at and goes above and beyond for the students and families of Air Base K-8 Center for International Education.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 16-031 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Air Base K-8 Center for International Education.

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

Presented this ninth day of March, A.D. 2015

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary