

Ms. Susie V. Castillo, Board Member

**SUBJECT:                   REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 16-111  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,  
FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING LOURDES P. GIMENEZ**

**COMMITTEE:               PERSONNEL SERVICES AND STUDENT AND SCHOOL  
SUPPORT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC  
BLUEPRINT:               HIGHLY EFFECTIVE TEACHERS, LEADERS AND STAFF**

Miami-Dade County Public Schools has been privileged to have in its administration many individuals that are committed to serving our community with a great degree of passion and excellence. One of these individuals is Mrs. Lourdes P. Gimenez, who retires from the school system after an illustrious career that spans over 35 years.

Mrs. Gimenez earned a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education from Florida International University in 1976 and a Master's in Elementary Education from Nova Southeastern University in 1980. She began her career in Miami-Dade County Public Schools in 1981 as a teacher at Henry M. Flagler Elementary. She advanced to the capacity of Curriculum Supervisor at the Region level where she managed Bilingual instruction. It was in 1992 that she returned to the school-sites as the Assistant Principal at Coral Gables Elementary. In 1995, she was named Principal at George Washington Carver Elementary where she implemented one of the first School of Choice models as well as the first Italian Language Program in Miami-Dade County Public Schools. In 1999, she was named the founding Principal at Dr. Carlos J. Finlay Elementary School, a Dual Language program and Florida International University's College of Education's first Professional Development school, an accomplishment that she highlights as one of the most special in her career.

Under her most recent appointment as Personnel and Technology Operations Administrative Director at our Central Region Offices, Mrs. Gimenez has served 112 schools, overseeing over 300 administrators and over 86,000 students.

During her distinguished career, Mrs. Gimenez has received numerous awards and recognitions including her installation to the Miami Dade-College Alumni Hall of Fame, the Florida International University Golden Medallion for Outstanding Alumna, as well as the Golden School Award from the Florida Department of Education while serving as Principal in George Washington Carver Elementary and in Dr. Carlos J. Finlay Elementary. She has also received gubernatorial appointments to the state's Educational and Equity Task Force, and the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention State Advisory Group.

**Replacement  
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Lourdes P. Gimenez is to be commended for her 35 years of high quality service to the students, families, and employees of Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
MS. SUSIE V. CASTILLO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 16-111 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Lourdes Gimenez.

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-111  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING LOURDES P. GIMENEZ**

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Lourdes P. Gimenez is an individual committed to serving our community with a great degree of passion and excellence; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Lourdes P. Gimenez retires from the Miami-Dade County Schools System after an illustrious career that spans over 35 years; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Lourdes P. Gimenez began her career in Miami-Dade County Public Schools in 1981 as an elementary school teacher at Henry M. Flagler Elementary and later advanced to the capacity of Curriculum Supervisor at the Region Level; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1992 she returned to the school-sites as the Assistant Principal at Coral Gables Elementary. In 1995, she was named Principal at George Washington Carver Elementary where she implemented one of the first School of Choice models as well as the first Italian Language Program in Miami-Dade County Public Schools. In 1999, she was named the founding Principal at Dr. Carlos J. Finlay Elementary School, a Dual Language program and Florida International University's College of Education's first Professional Development school, an accomplishment that she highlights as one of the most special in her career; and

**WHEREAS**, under her most recent appointment as Personnel and Technology Operations Administrative Director at our Central Region Offices, Mrs. Lourdes P. Gimenez has served 112 schools, overseeing over 300 administrators and over 86,000 students; and

**WHEREAS**, during her distinguished career, Mrs. Gimenez has received numerous awards, recognitions and gubernatorial appointments; and

**WHEREAS**, Lourdes P. Gimenez is to be commended for her 35 years of high quality service to the students, families and employees of Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 16-111 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Lourdes P. Gimenez.

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

**Presented this fourteenth day of December, A.D. 2016**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary