

Ms. Lubby Navarro, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 17-033 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING DR. PABLO G. ORTIZ

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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

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Dr. Ortiz's leadership highly influenced Miami Edison Senior High School, which he served as its provost for three years. He notably led the most impressive three-year turnaround of any school in Florida. Previously Miami Edison Senior High School was an "F" school, and as the newly appointed provost in 2009, Dr. Ortiz brought the letter grade up to a "B", a never before seen accomplishment in the school's history. Additionally, graduation rates also soared to 74% from a previous 49% from a school that was targeted for closing only three years prior. } Revised

In 2012, Dr. Ortiz was promoted to Assistant Superintendent and later to Associate Superintendent in 2013, to pioneer the expansion of the Education Transformation Office (ETO). Under his initiative, the ETO was able to improve the letter grade designation of schools and increase student participation in Advanced Placement, Dual Enrollment, and Industry Certification by 27%. Under his leadership, graduation rates in ETO's supported high schools rose extraordinarily by a total of 11%. Currently, Dr. Ortiz is the Vice President for Regional Academic Locations and Institutional Development at Florida International University where he provides administrative and operational direction in identifying efficiencies for all the schools operating locations. } Revised

Dr. Pablo G. Ortiz's passion for education and his students have made him a remarkable leader and he is to be commended for over 24 years of unyielding service to M-DCPS. } Revised

ACTION PROPOSED BY

LUBBY NAVARRO: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No., 17-033 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Dr. Pablo G. Ortiz.

**RESOLUTION NO. 17-033
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING DR. PABLO G. ORTIZ**

WHEREAS, Dr. Pablo G. Ortiz has dedicated the last 24 years to serving as a top educator and has greatly contributed his expert knowledge to Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS). Among his many accomplishments, Dr. Ortiz has had the distinct honor of being the only person to be awarded the prestigious District's Principal of the Year Award, twice. A remarkable leader, he was also the recipient of the 2012-2013 Principal Achievement Award for Outstanding Leadership as the leading principal in the state of Florida and the Queen Smith Award for Commitment to Urban Education; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ortiz's leadership highly influenced Miami Edison Senior High School, which he served as its provost for three years. He notably led the most impressive three-year turnaround of any school in Florida. Previously Miami Edison Senior High School was an "F" school, and as the newly appointed provost in 2009, Dr. Ortiz brought the letter grade up to a "B", a never before seen accomplishment in the school's history. Additionally, graduation rates also soared to 74% from a previous 49% from a school that was targeted for closing only three years prior; and

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WHEREAS Dr. Pablo G. Ortiz's passion for education and his students have made him a remarkable leader and he is to be commended for over 24 years of unyielding service to M-DCPS.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 17-033 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Dr. Pablo G. Ortiz.

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

Presented this fifteenth day of March, A.D. 2017

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary