Office of School Board Members Board Meeting of December 19, 2018

Dr. Marta Pérez, Board Member

### SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 18-085 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

### COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, INNOVATION, EVALUATION & TECHNOLOGY

### LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: INFORMED, ENGAGED AND EMPOWERED STAKEHOLDERS

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan, grassroots initiative, was created in 1920. Since then, the League has grown to include chapters in every state and in more than 700 communities throughout the country. Its mission is to educate the public on policy issues and advocate for participation in government.

The local chapter of the League was founded in 1985. It currently boasts more than 250 members. Its leadership, composed entirely of volunteers, commits to the mission of the League and works effectively with local governments and other organizations to create awareness of vital policy issues. It has a growing presence on social media with thousands of followers who rely on its impartial analysis of proposed ballot measures.

Florida's 2018 Constitution Revision Commission and the election season challenged the state and local chapters with unprecedented ballot measures. The League supported various constitutional amendments and other local proposals. It fought to bring early voting sites to college campuses in Miami-Dade County. By taking a courageous stance on measures detrimental to public education, the League provided an invaluable service to school districts throughout the state.

Ms. Marisol Zenteno is the current president of the Miami-Dade County Chapter of The League of Women Voters. She follows in the footsteps of president emeritus Ms. Susan Windmiller and past presidents Ms. Maribel Balbin, Ms. Annie Betancourt, and Ms. Dorrit Marks, among others. The League and its leaders are to be commended for their service to public education and the voters of Miami-Dade County.

# ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. MARTA PÉREZ:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 18-085 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing The League of Women Voters of Miami-Dade County for its contributions to our community.

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### RESOLUTION NO. 18-085 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

**WHEREAS**, The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan, grassroots initiative, was created in 1920. Since then, the League has grown to include chapters in every state and in more than 700 communities throughout the country. Its mission is to educate the public on policy issues and advocate for participation in government; and

**WHEREAS**, the local chapter of the League was founded in 1985. It currently boasts more than 250 members. Its leadership, composed entirely of volunteers, commits to the mission of the League and works effectively with local governments and other organizations to create awareness of vital policy issues. It has a growing presence on social media with thousands of followers who rely on its impartial analysis on proposed ballot measures; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida's 2018 Constitution Revision Commission and the election season challenged the state and local chapters with unprecedented ballot measures. The League supported various constitutional amendments and other local proposals. It fought to bring early voting sites to college campuses in Miami-Dade County. By taking a courageous stance on measures detrimental to public education, the League provided an invaluable service to school districts throughout the state; and

**WHEREAS,** Ms. Marisol Zenteno is the current president of the Miami-Dade County Chapter of The League of Women Voters. She follows in the footsteps of president emeritus Ms. Susan Windmiller, and past presidents Ms. Maribel Balbin, Ms. Annie Betancourt, and Ms. Dorrit Marks, among others. The League and its leaders are to be commended for their service to public education and the voters of Miami-Dade County.

## NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 18-085 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing The League of Women Voters for its contributions to our community.

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

## Presented this nineteenth day of December, A.D. 2018

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

CHAIR

Secretary