

Dr. Lawrence Feldman, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-33 OF THE
SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
RECOGNIZING THE MIAMI DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL'S
ROOKIE TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO DISTRICT
STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE AND MAINTAIN A HIGH QUALITY WORK
ENVIRONMENT**

In the tradition of highlighting and celebrating employee success and achievements, the Rookie Teacher of the Year award is given to the beginning teacher who demonstrates the highest level of professionalism, dedication to continuing education, and commitment to community.

Kelli Valdez from Mandarin Lakes K-8 Center was selected as the Miami Dade County Public School's Rookie Teacher of the Year. Ms. Valdez is to be commended for her outstanding service and dedication to education.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. LAWRENCE FELDMAN:**

That The School Board of Miami Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-33 of The School Board of Miami Dade County, Florida recognizing Kelli Valdez as the Miami Dade County Public School's Rookie Teacher of the Year.

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**RESOLUTION 09-33
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING
KELLI VALDEZ AS THE MIAMI DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
2008-09 ROOKIE TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

WHEREAS, Kellie Valdez made a commitment to teach our most challenged students and work in the most impoverished communities through her involvement in the Teach For America Program; and

WHEREAS, her commitment through the Teach for America Program has led her to fight to eliminate educational inequity so that all children may have the opportunity to attain an excellent education; and

WHEREAS, through her participation as an EESAC Member, Safety Patrol Sponsor, and tutor at the South Dade Agricultural Camp she makes educationally-sound decisions that positively affect the student body at Mandarin Lakes K-8 Center; and

WHEREAS, she made her classroom a home for the children of farm workers, for the children who reside at the local homeless shelter, and for those children who are currently working to attain grade-level literacy; and

WHEREAS, as one of four finalists vying for the coveted title of Rookie Teacher of the Year, Kelli Valdez is to be commended for her achievement as the recipient of the Miami-Dade County Public Schools Rookie Teacher of the Year Award;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve resolution 09-33 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Kelli Valdez's accomplishments and achievement as the Miami-Dade County Public Schools Rookie Teacher of the Year.

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

Presented this twenty-fifth day of March, A.D. 2009

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary