

Dr. Lawrence Feldman, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-34 OF THE
 SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
 RECOGNIZING THE 2010 FRANCISCO R. WALKER 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 2010 Francisco R. Walker Teacher of the Year award is given to the teacher who demonstrates the highest level of professionalism, dedication to continuing education, and commitment to community.

Patricia Fairclough from Air Base Elementary School was selected as the 2010 Francisco R. Walker Teacher of the Year. Additionally, Governor Charlie Crist recently named her one of three state winners of the Black History Month Excellence in Education Award Contest. Ms. Fairclough 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. 09-34 of The School Board of Miami Dade County, Florida recognizing Patricia Fairclough as the 2010 Francisco R. Walker Teacher of the Year.

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-34
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING PATRICIA
FAIRCLOUGH AS THE 2010 FRANCISCO R. WALKER
TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

WHEREAS, Patricia Fairclough began her career as a teacher at Air Base Elementary School in 2001 and continues to serve the school and community as a second grade teacher, Curriculum Chairperson, and Homestead Education Council Committee Member; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Fairclough is known for her multicultural approach to teaching, which contributes to her students' self-knowledge and their development of interpersonal intelligence; and

WHEREAS, through her implementation of innovative strategies with the Accelerated Reading Program, student test scores have risen rapidly school wide; and

WHEREAS, Florida Governor Charlie Crist recently named Ms. Fairclough one of three state winners of the Black History Month Excellence in Education Award Contest; and

WHEREAS, Patricia Fairclough was one of four District finalists vying for the coveted title of 2010 Francisco R. Walker Teacher of the Year and she is to be commended for her outstanding achievement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami Dade County, Florida, approve resolution 09-34 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Patricia Fairclough as the 2010 Francisco R. Walker 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