

Dr. Lawrence Feldman, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-65 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING MS. NICOLE GONZALEZ FROM LAURA C. SAUNDERS, MS. MARIANA THOMPSON FROM HOWARD D. MCMILLAN MIDDLE SCHOOL, MS. ANNE MATTHEWS FROM ROCKWAY MIDDLE, AND MR. EDUARDO GUZMAN FROM FELIX VARELA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL AS THE 2009 DADE COUNTY COUNCIL OF MATHEMATICS TEACHERS OF THE YEAR**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: RECRUIT, DEVELOP, AND RETAIN HIGH PERFORMING, DIVERSE, AND MOTIVATED FACULTY AND STAFF**

The Dade County Council of Teachers of Mathematics (DCCTM) is a local professional organization whose membership includes teachers from elementary, middle and senior high schools, in both public and private institutions, as well as colleges. DCCTM is an affiliate of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM), an organization claiming more than 100,000 members in the United States, Canada, and throughout Latin America.

DCCTM has been in existence since the 1950s, when a small group of mostly high school teachers would meet to exchange teaching strategies and to listen to experts in the fields of mathematics and mathematics education. The organization developed into an institution with a membership of hundreds, whose mission is to help all teachers of mathematics, from Pre-Kindergarten to College, to improve both their knowledge of the subject and their pedagogy, so that all our students can learn to understand mathematics and appreciate the value of this subject.

With the support of the Miami-Dade County Public Schools, DCCTM sponsors several activities throughout the school year, among them: the Mathematics and Science Mini-Conference (in conjunction with the Dade County Science Teachers Association), a wonderful one-day opportunity for professional development for teachers, the Mathematics Teacher of the Year Banquet, where teachers countywide are celebrated for their excellence, and the Elementary Mathematics Bowl, a yearly fun competition involving over 700 elementary students.

Mathematics has been said to be the "gate keeper," allowing some students entrance into a world of success while, unfortunately, keeping many others from reaching it. DCCTM's goal is to have every single student step through that "gate" and, with the help of mathematics, achieve their highest potential. To reach that end, this year's DCCTM Teachers of the Year have worked to ensure the success and mathematical literacy of all their students. Ms. Nicole Gonzalez from Laura C. Saunders, Ms. Mariana Thompson from Howard D. McMillan Middle School, Ms. Anne Matthews from Rockway Middle School, and Mr. Eduardo Guzman from Felix Varela Senior High have been selected from amongst their peers as the 2009 DCCTM Math Teachers of the Year. We salute these educators and the DCCTM for their outstanding contributions to mathematics education.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-65 of The School Board of the Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Ms. Nicole Gonzalez from Laura C. Saunders, Ms. Mariana Thompson from Howard D. McMillan Middle School, Ms. Anne Matthews from Rockway Middle School, and Mr. Eduardo Guzman from Felix Varela Senior High as the 2009 Dade County Council of Teachers of Mathematics Teachers of the Year.

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**WHEREAS**, the Dade County Council of Teachers of Mathematics (DCCTM) is a local professional organization whose membership includes teachers from elementary, middle and senior high schools, in both public and private institutions, as well as colleges; and

**WHEREAS**, DCCTM has been in existence since the 1950s, when a small group of mostly high school teachers would meet to exchange teaching strategies and to listen to experts in the fields of mathematics and mathematics education; and

**WHEREAS**, the organization developed into an institution with a membership of hundreds, whose mission is to help all teachers of mathematics, from Pre-Kindergarten to College, to improve both their knowledge of the subject and their pedagogy, so that all our students can experience learning mathematics at higher levels and appreciate the value of this subject; and

**WHEREAS**, with the support of the Miami-Dade County Public Schools, DCCTM sponsors several activities throughout the school year, among them the Mathematics Teacher of the Year Banquet, where teachers countywide are celebrated for their excellence; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Nicole Gonzalez from Laura C. Saunders, Ms. Mariana Thompson from Howard D. McMillan Middle School, Ms. Anne Matthews from Rockway Middle School, and Mr. Eduardo Guzman from Felix Varela Senior High have been selected from amongst their peers as the 2009 DCCTM Math Teachers of the Year;

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

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

**Presented this twentieth day of May, A.D. 2009**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary  
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