

Mr. Renier Diaz de la Portilla, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-82 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING PRINCIPAL MAYRA FALCON, OF EUGENIA B. THOMAS K-8 CENTER, FOR BEING A RECIPIENT OF THE 2009 CITIZENS' CRIME WATCH 'PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR' AWARD**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

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

On May 29, 2009, Citizens' Crime Watch held its 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Ceremony, where it recognized some of its most dedicated supporters, participants, and community partners. Among those honored was our very own Mayra Falcon, Principal at Eugenia B. Thomas K-8 Center in Doral. Principal Falcon was honored with the 'Principal of the Year' Award for her tireless dedication and commitment to supporting the activities of her school's Youth Crime Watch program.

As stated on their website, Youth Crime Watch (YCW) is a crime prevention program providing direct services to students and teachers in the Miami-Dade County Public Schools. It is designed to train students in crime prevention strategies through education, understanding and communication. YCW promotes a safe, clean and healthy school environment where students can truly learn without the distractions of illegal activity, violence and threats. It is a school-wide extra-curricular program that functions as a club. YCW School Coordinators work with school officials (YCW School Advisors) and students to help each club develop and tailor their program to meet the needs unique to their own school.

This recognition of Principal Falcon, by the Citizens' Crime Watch, is a testament to her hard work and commitment to her students and her school.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**MR. RENIER DIAZ DE LA PORTILLA:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-82, recognizing Principal Mayra Falcon, of Eugenia B. Thomas K-8 Center, for being a recipient of the 2009 Citizens' Crime Watch 'Principal of the Year' Award

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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING PRINCIPAL MAYRA FALCON, OF EUGENIA B. THOMAS K-8  
CENTER, FOR BEING A RECIPIENT OF THE 2009 CITIZENS' CRIME WATCH  
'PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR' AWARD**

**WHEREAS**, the Citizens' Crime Watch of Miami-Dade County recognizes it's most outstanding Principal each year with the 'Principal of the Year' Award; and

**WHEREAS**, Principal Mayra Falcon, of Eugenia B. Thomas K-8 Center, was the recipient of this year's award as a result of her dedication and commitment to the success of the Youth Crime Watch of Miami-Dade program at her school; and

**WHEREAS**, the Eugenia B. Thomas K-8 Center's Youth Crime Watch has been one of the most active and consistent youth crime watch clubs in the entire district, coordinating numerous school-wide youth crime prevention projects and events throughout the entire year, highlighted by an extremely successful YCW "Stop the Violence" Blue Ribbon Week campaign; and

**WHEREAS**, Principal Falcon has consistently supported YCW endeavors by incorporating a school-wide approach so that safety education is available to the entire student body and faculty; and

**WHEREAS**, the efforts and continued dedication of Principal Mayra Falcon to her school and our community merit our utmost appreciation;

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida approve Resolution No. 09-82 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Principal Mayra Falcon, of Eugenia B. Thomas K-8 Center, for being a recipient of the 2009 Citizens' Crime Watch 'Principal of the Year' Award.

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

**Presented this seventeenth day of June, A.D. 2009**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary