

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Board Member

**SUBJECT:** REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-106 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS TEACHER TERESA A. VALCARCEL FOR BEING SELECTED AS THE 2008 REGION V JUVENILE JUSTICE TEACHER OF THE YEAR

**COMMITTEE:** INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

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

Recently, the Juvenile Justice Educational Enhancement Program (JJEPP) honored Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) teacher Teresa A. Valcarcel as the 2008 Region V Juvenile Justice Teacher of the Year. A twelve-year veteran educator with M-DCPS, Ms. Valcarcel has taught language arts, reading, and science in the District's Educational Alternative Outreach Program for the past four years. She instills in her students a love and enthusiasm for learning. Her colleagues describe her as a compassionate leader who demonstrates patience, determination, and creativity in the classroom.

Ms. Valcarcel's outstanding achievements as an education professional, her impressive qualifications, and her commendable dedication to at-risk students contributed to her being distinguished as one of Florida's exceptional Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) teachers. She and other region finalists were honored in August at the Juvenile Justice Education Institute and Southern Conference on Corrections held in Tampa Bay, Florida. Five judges representing FDOE, DJJ, public schools, and the local community selected the regional winners. The primary goal of the conference is to bring together partners and stakeholders with Department of Juvenile Justice Education Programs to help strengthen existing programs, to provide relevant and timely professional development, and to facilitate access to resource development. Since 2000, the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) and the Juvenile Justice Educational Enhancement Program have sponsored the Juvenile Justice Teacher of the Year program to honor outstanding teachers in DJJ education programs.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends Ms. Valcarcel for her passion for teaching and her commitment to her students.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
MS. PERLA TABARES HANTMAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-106 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Miami-Dade County Public Schools teacher Teresa A. Valcarcel for being selected as the 2008 Region V Juvenile Justice Teacher of the Year.

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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS TEACHER  
TERESA A. VALCARCEL AS THE 2008 REGION V JUVENILE JUSTICE  
TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) and the Juvenile Justice Educational Enhancement Program (JJEEP) sponsor the Juvenile Justice Teacher of the Year program to honor outstanding teachers in DJJ education programs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Juvenile Justice Educational Enhancement Program honored Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) teacher Teresa A. Valcarcel as the 2008 Region V Juvenile Justice Teacher of the Year; and

**WHEREAS**, a twelve-year veteran educator with M-DCPS, Ms. Valcarcel has taught language arts, reading, and science in the District's Educational Alternative Outreach Program for the past four years; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Valcarcel's outstanding achievements as an education professional, her impressive qualifications, and her commendable dedication to at-risk students contributed to her being distinguished as one of Florida's exceptional Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) teachers; and

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**WHEREAS**, Ms. Valcarcel's colleagues describe her as a compassionate leader who demonstrates patience, determination, and creativity in the classroom; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends Ms. Valcarcel for her passion for teaching and her commitment to her students;

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-106 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Miami-Dade County Public Schools teacher Teresa A. Valcarcel for being selected as the 2008 Region V Juvenile Justice Teacher of the Year.

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

**Presented this ninth day of September, A.D. 2009**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary