

Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 10-027 OF
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING K9 POLICE**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
FRAMEWORK: SCHOOL/DISTRICT LEADERSHIP**

The Miami-Dade Schools Police Department (M-DSPD) Canine (K-9) Unit was established in 1995. Comprised of one sergeant, three officers, and their highly trained canine partners, this specialized unit is available on a 24-hour basis to support the M-DSPD and other law enforcement agencies. The K-9 Unit undergoes extensive training throughout the year and has demonstrated expertise in conducting area canvases and building searches for narcotics and explosives. Since its inception, the K-9 Unit has conducted hundreds of educational presentations at our schools with the goal of promoting a positive, healthy relationship with the Miami-Dade's public school students.

Sergeant Reinaldo Perez has been a part of the M-DSPD for 22 years and has supervised the K-9 Unit for the past 15 years. He previously worked as a detective with the General Investigative Unit. His canine partner is "Combat," a six-and-a-half-year old German Shepherd specializing in explosives detection. Officer Imtyaz Dad has worked with the M-DSPD for 14 years and has been a K-9 officer for the past nine years. Before his assignment as a K-9 handler, he worked as a School Resource Officer. Officer Dad's canine partner is "Balto," a six-year old German Shepherd specializing in explosives detection.

Officer Angel Rodriguez has been with the M-DSPD for nine years and he has worked with the K-9 Unit for the past six years. He previously worked as a School Resource Officer. Officer Rodriguez's canine partner is "Liam," a six-year old Dutch Shepherd specializing in narcotics detection and criminal apprehension. Officer Victor Hernandez has worked with the M-DSPD for 14 years and has been a K-9 handler for the past seven years. Prior to his current assignment, Officer Hernandez worked as a detective with the General Investigative Unit. His canine partner is "Jago," a nine-year old Belgian Malanois specializing in narcotics detection and criminal apprehension.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. LAWRENCE S. FELDMAN: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 10-027 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Miami-Dade Schools Police Department Canine (K-9) Unit.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-027
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING THE MIAMI-DADE SCHOOLS POLICE DEPARTMENT
CANINE (K-9) UNIT

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade Schools Police Department (M-DSPD) Canine (K-9) Unit was established in 1995. Comprised of one sergeant, three officers, and their highly trained canine partners, this specialized unit is available on a 24-hour basis to support the M-DSPD and other law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, the K-9 Unit has conducted hundreds of educational presentations at schools with the goal of promoting a positive, healthy relationship with Miami-Dade's public school students; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Reinaldo Perez has been a part of the M-DSPD for 22 years and has supervised the K-9 Unit for the past 15 years. His canine partner is "Combat," a six- and-a-half-year old German Shepherd specializing in explosives detection; and

WHEREAS, Officer Imtyaz Dad has worked with the M-DSPD for 14 years and has been a K-9 officer for the past nine years. His canine partner is "Balto," a six-year old German Shepherd specializing in explosives detection; and

WHEREAS, Officer Angel Rodriguez has been with the M-DSPD for nine years and he has worked with the K-9 Unit for the past six years. His canine partner is "Liam," a six- year old Dutch Shepherd specializing in narcotics detection and criminal apprehension; and

WHEREAS, Officer Victor Hernandez has worked with the M-DSPD for 14 years and has been a K-9 handler for the past seven years. His canine partner is "Jago," a nine- year old Belgian Malanois specializing in narcotics detection and criminal apprehension;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 10-027 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Miami-Dade Schools Police Department Canine (K-9) Unit.

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

Presented this fourteenth day of April, A.D. 2010

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary