

Office of the School Board Members
Board Meeting of July 13, 2011

June 29, 2011

Ms. Raquel Regalado, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 11-087
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING JULIA LEBLANC AND GISEL
SANCHEZ-MEDINA AND THE HEAVEN ON EARTH
FOUNDATION FOR THEIR SERVICES TO HELP SURVIVORS
OF VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ABUSE AND THEIR FAMILIES**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
FRAMEWORK: STUDENT, PARENT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

The Heaven on Earth Foundation founded by Julia Leblanc and Gisel Sánchez-Medina is an innovative non-profit organization based in South Florida that provides transitional housing, holistic services and wellness optimization to survivors of intimate partner violence and sexual abuse. The foundation provides creative and lasting solutions to break the cycle of abuse by offering survivors the services, support and tools to change their lives and succeed by eliminating attitudes that lead to re-victimization.

The Foundation encourages and assists individuals to realize their hopes and dreams, preparing them for the future, through an active participant approach. Each member's goal is to recognize and pursue a safer, brighter future that is within reach. All of this is possible through the education, knowledge and experience of a compassionate and dedicated staff and support team.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

MS. RAQUEL A. REGALADO: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve resolution No. 11-087 recognizing the work of Julia Leblanc and Gisel Sanchez-Medina and the Heaven on Earth Foundation for their services to help survivors of violence and sexual abuse and their families.

**Replacement
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**RESOLUTION NO. 11-087
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING JULIA LEBLANC AND GISEL SANCHEZ-MEDINA AND THE
HEAVEN ON EARTH FOUNDATION FOR THEIR SERVICES TO HELP SURVIVORS
OF VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ABUSE AND THEIR FAMILIES**

WHEREAS, the Heaven on Earth Foundation was founded by Julia Leblanc and Gisel Sánchez-Medina to provide transitional housing, holistic services and wellness optimization to survivors of intimate partner violence and sexual abuse ; and

WHEREAS, the Heaven on Earth Foundation provides creative and lasting solutions to break the cycle of abuse by offering survivors the services, support and tools to change their lives and succeed; and

WHEREAS, a compassionate and dedicated staff helps victims recognize and pursue a safer, brighter future that is within reach; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools encourages involvement and civic participation in helping victims of domestic violence through educational outreach;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-087 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the work of Julia Leblanc and Gisel Sanchez-Medina and the Heaven on Earth Foundation for their services to help survivors of violence and sexual abuse and their families.

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

Presented this thirteen day of July, A.D. 2011

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary