

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 12-009
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING ROSA AND CARLOS DE LA CRUZ
FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO STUDENTS AND THE
COMMUNITY**

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

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

Rosa and Carlos de la Cruz created the de la Cruz Collection Contemporary Art Space in 2009 to display their personal collection of international contemporary art. The Design District location boasts an impressive three stories and 30,000 square feet. The Collection serves as a museum to provide visual arts education to students and the community. The Art Space is home to exhibitions, artist residencies, workshops, lectures and community outreach programs.

An avid supporter of the local art scene, the de la Cruz Collection hosts a series of workshops and classes in partnership with Miami-Dade County Public Schools. These programs give students an opportunity to explore different approaches to the creation and presentation of contemporary art. Students are encouraged to visit the Art Space and library throughout the year as well as apply for internship positions.

In July 2011, the de la Cruz Collection, in collaboration with other local organizations, sponsored a New York City cultural trip for Design and Architecture Senior High School students. The week-long excursion was followed by a pre-college program at the School of Visual Arts and a photo essay assignment.

Rosa and Carlos de la Cruz are to be commended for promoting and showcasing the importance of the arts and culture. Their philanthropic work has enriched the lives of students and the community.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY CHAIR
PERLA TABARES HANTMAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-009 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Rosa and Carlos de la Cruz for their contributions to students and the community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 12-009
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING ROSA AND CARLOS DE LA CRUZ FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS
TO STUDENTS AND THE COMMUNITY**

WHEREAS, Rosa and Carlos de la Cruz created the de la Cruz Collection Contemporary Art Space in 2009 to display their personal collection of international contemporary art; and

WHEREAS, the de la Cruz Collection serves as a museum to provide visual arts education to students and the community. The Art Space is home to exhibitions, artist residencies, workshops, lectures and community outreach programs; and

WHEREAS, it hosts a series of workshops and classes in partnership with Miami-Dade County Public Schools. These programs give students an opportunity to explore different approaches to the creation and presentation of contemporary art; and

WHEREAS, in July 2011, the de la Cruz Collection, in collaboration with other local organizations, sponsored a New York City cultural trip for Design and Architecture Senior High School students. The week-long excursion was followed by a pre-college program at the School of Visual Arts and a photo essay assignment; and

WHEREAS, Rosa and Carlos de la Cruz are to be commended for promoting and showcasing the importance of the arts and culture. Their philanthropic work has enriched the lives of students and the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-009 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Rosa and Carlos de la Cruz for their contributions to students and the community.

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

Presented this eighteenth day of January, A.D. 2012

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary