

Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, Vice Chair

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 12-114 OF THE
SCHOOL BOARD OF MAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
HONORING MS. DIANA T. URBIZU

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT

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

Dedicated and skilled employees are the lifeblood of an organization. They give a lifetime of service to benefit their organizational communities. Diana T. Urbizu has been such an employee with Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS). For nearly four decades Ms. Urbizu has served the students and families of the nation's fourth largest school district. A product of Miami-Dade County Public Schools, she graduated from Hialeah Senior High School and later earned an Associate of Arts degree in Education and Psychology at Miami Dade College, a Bachelor of Science degree in Education and Early Childhood at Florida International University, and a Master of Science degree in Administration and Supervision from Nova Southeastern University. Ms. Urbizu began her storied career with M-DCPS in 1974 as an ESOL teacher in the Adult Education Program at Henry H. Filer Community School. She has served M-DCPS as an elementary teacher, educational specialist, assistant principal, principal, district director and assistant superintendent. In her role as District Director, Elementary and Secondary Education, she trained school personnel on the implementation of nationally-recognized education programs.

Recently, after 37 years with M-DCPS, she retired as the School Board's Assistant Chief Negotiator. In that role, she demonstrated exceptional negotiating skills working with five different employee bargaining units that represent approximately 52,000 full- and part-time employees. Ms. Urbizu is described by friends and colleagues, alike, as thoughtful, energetic, and well-organized. Throughout her career she has demonstrated the highest integrity and a deep commitment to contribute to the well-being students and employees.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends Ms. Diana T. Urbizu for her dedication to education, and for her tireless energy and enthusiasm for her work and the mission of M-DCPS.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. LAWRENCE S. FELDMAN: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-114 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Diana T. Urbizu, for her many years of service to Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

**RESOLUTION NO. 12-114
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING DIANA T. URBIZU FOR HER MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO MIAMI-DADE
COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, for nearly four decades, Diana T. Urbizu has been a dedicated employee of Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS), serving the district's students, families, and employees; and

WHEREAS, a product of Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Ms. Urbizu graduated from Hialeah Senior High School and later earned an Associate of Arts degree in Education and Psychology at Miami Dade College, a Bachelor of Science degree in Education and Early Childhood at Florida International University, and a Master of Science degree in Administration and Supervision from Nova Southeastern University; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Urbizu began her storied career with M-DCPS in 1974 as an ESOL teacher in the Adult Education Program at Henry H. Filer Community School. She has served M-DCPS as an elementary teacher, educational specialist, assistant principal, principal, district director and assistant superintendent. In her role as District Director, Elementary and Secondary Education, she trained school personnel on the implementation of nationally-recognized education programs; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Urbizu is described by friends and colleagues, alike, as thoughtful, energetic, and well-organized. Throughout her career she has demonstrated the highest integrity and a deep commitment to contribute to the well-being students and employees; and

WHEREAS, after 37 years with M-DCPS, Ms. Urbizu retired as the School Board's Assistant Chief Negotiator. In that role, she demonstrated exceptional negotiating skills working with five different employee bargaining units that represent approximately 52,000 full- and part-time employees; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends Ms. Diana T. Urbizu for her dedication to education, and for her tireless energy and enthusiasm for her work and the mission of M-DCPS;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-114 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Diana T. Urbizu for her many years of service to Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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

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

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary