

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 12-157 OF
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING TEACHERS AND STAFF OF VAN E. BLANTON
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

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

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Van E. Blanton Elementary School was also recognized through a grant from the Leonore Annenberg School Fund for Children. This grant targets those poised to become the cultural and community leaders of the next generation and supports elementary school students in need of essential educational resources such as library books, computers and software, arts programming, and playground equipment. The school persists in earning successes to add to its growing list of accolades with these and other honors.

Under the leadership of Principal Tangela D. Goa, Van E. Blanton Elementary School has made remarkable strides in achievement. The school grade has improved to a mark of "A" for the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 school years. This improvement is the direct product of the hard work of the school's administration, teachers, families and students.

The school's progress is consistent with its mission that states, "The staff, parents and community of Van E. Blanton Elementary School are dedicated to providing a nurturing, comfortable and supportive environment where we uphold high standards and expectations and where each student is challenged to reach his or her potential."

Therefore the teachers and staff of Van E. Blanton Elementary School shall be commended for their contributions to our community and their role in providing a quality education that benefit the children and families of the Miami-Dade County.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS-MINDINGALL: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-157 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the teachers and staff of Van E. Blanton Elementary School for their outstanding work in our community.

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WHEREAS, the school's progress is consistent with its mission that states, "The staff, parents and community of Van E. Blanton Elementary School are dedicated to providing a nurturing, comfortable and supportive environment where we uphold high standards and expectations and where each student is challenged to reach his or her potential;" and

WHEREAS, the teachers and staff of Van E. Blanton Elementary School shall be commended for their contributions to our community and their role in providing a quality education that benefit the children and families of the Miami-Dade County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-157 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the teachers and staff of Van E. Blanton Elementary School for their outstanding work in the community.

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

Presented this tenth day of October, A.D. 2012

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary