

Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, Vice Chair

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 12-145
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
FLORIDA, HONORING MR. GREGORY ZAWYER**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

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

Gregory Zawyer has served the students and parents of Miami-Dade County Public Schools for more than four decades. He began his career with the school district in 1967 as a teacher at Cutler Ridge Middle School. Throughout his career, Mr. Zawyer also has served as an assistant principal and principal most recently at the helm of the new Medical Academy for Science and Technology, MAST @ Homestead. His past schools include Centennial Middle, Campbell Drive Middle, Miami Palmetto Senior, Homestead Senior, Coral Reef Senior and Robert Morgan Educational Center.

Mr. Zawyer has been recognized with several honors and awards throughout his distinguished career. He is the recipient of the Presidential Award and also has been recognized as the South Area Art Teacher of the Year, Florida Secondary Principal of the Year, and Florida Coach of the Year. Under his leadership, his schools won the Magnet Schools of America Award in 1998, 2000 and 2002 and were recognized by *U.S. News & World Report* magazine's list of Best Schools in America. In addition, Mr. Zawyer recruited community leaders to become school partners and raised more than \$6 million in scholarships per year through community partnerships. Most recently, Mr. Zawyer actively raised funds for the Student Summer College Program which sends underprivileged middle and senior high school students on an all-expenses paid visit to colleges and universities throughout the United States during the summer months.

Gregory Zawyer is a shining example of service and advocacy. His lasting legacy to Miami-Dade County Public Schools is his heartfelt belief that all children deserve a quality education.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. LAWRENCE S. FELDMAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-145 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring Mr. Gregory Zawyer.

**RESOLUTION NO. 12-145
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
HONORING MR. GREGORY ZAWYER**

WHEREAS, Gregory Zawyer has served the students and parents of Miami-Dade County Public Schools for more than four decades; and

WHEREAS, he began his career with the school district in 1967 as a teacher at Cutler Ridge Middle School; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Mr. Zawyer also has served as an assistant principal and principal most recently at the helm of the new Medical Academy for Science and Technology, MAST @ Homestead; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Zawyer has been recognized with several honors and awards throughout his distinguished career. He is the recipient of the Presidential Award and also has been recognized as the South Area Art Teacher of the Year, Florida Secondary Principal of the Year, and Florida Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, his schools won the Magnet Schools of America Award in 1998, 2000 and 2002 and were recognized by *U.S. News & World Report* magazine's list of Best Schools in America. In addition, Mr. Zawyer recruited community leaders to become school partners and raised more than \$6 million in scholarships per year through community partnerships; and

WHEREAS, Gregory Zawyer is a shining example of service and advocacy. His lasting legacy to Miami-Dade County Public Schools is his heartfelt belief that all children deserve a quality education;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-145 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring Mr. Gregory Zawyer.

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