

Dr. Martin Karp, Vice Chair

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 13-109
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING ANGELA POSADA-SWAFFORD**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

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

Angela Posada-Swofford was born in Bogota, Colombia and has been a United States citizen since 1994. Ms. Posada-Swofford has a degree in Modern Languages from Universidad de Los Andes in Bogota, and a Masters in Journalism from The University of Kansas in Lawrence, Kansas, with an emphasis on science and environment writing. She is a 2000-2001 Fellow from the Knight Science Journalism Fellowship at MIT and Harvard.

Ms. Posada-Swofford is the United States correspondent of *Muy Interesante* magazine, one of the largest science publications in Spanish language media. Edited in Madrid, *Muy Interesante* circulates monthly throughout the Americas publishing 3 million copies.

For the past 30 years, she has written about science and exploration, first as an editor, columnist and reporter for *El Nuevo Herald*, then as a freelance writer for Discovery.com, ABCNEWS.com, *Latin Trade* magazine, *Astronomy* magazine, *WIRED* magazine, *New Scientist* magazine, *The Boston Globe*, and *The Christian Science Monitor*. Her stories also appear regularly in Spanish in several U.S. and foreign publications such as *National Geographic Spanish*, *Gatopardo*, *Semana*, *Maxim*, *SOHO and LOFT*, and her stories are also published in four general interest magazines in Latin America, and Colombia's largest daily, *El Tiempo*. Additionally, she field-records, writes and narrates radio documentaries for National Public Radio's weekly environmental program *Living on Earth*.

For Grupo Planeta she wrote a 15-book series of science and adventure novels for young adults, titled *Los Aventureros de la Ciencia*. Each novel is based on one of her travels and includes a documentary DVD which she also produced. The series, published throughout the Americas and Iberia, debuted in 2007.

Ms. Posada-Swofford's work with the Discovery Channel is extensive. She has served as a freelance researcher and content editor for new science shows originated at Discovery Channel Latin America/Iberia. She produced and wrote science capsules in Costa Rica and Colombia. Also, she helped field produce, research and write a one-hour documentary on the industry of private security in Latin America titled *Maxima Seguridad*, and participated in a new science show pilot titled the *Smart Factor*. In addition, she worked for *Discovery Challenge Eco-Challenge* Morocco and Patagonia.

For Animal Planet Latin America/Iberia she researched and wrote *Whales in Abrolhos*, which is a Brazilian coproduction about humpback whales' migration to Brazil. In addition, she was a researcher and writer for People+Arts projects such as the life of *Pablo Escobar*.

Her work has taken her from the South Pole and the Arctic Circle in Alaska to Hawaii's Mauna Kea volcano, from Newfoundland's tundra to Zimbabwe's hippo pools, from 3,000 feet at the bottom of the Caribbean, to 15,000 feet high in Chile's Cerro Paranal, home of the biggest telescope in the world.

From listening to the heartbeats of humpback whales inside a Colombian Navy submarine, to following the steps of a geologist in search of the oldest rocks in the planet, Ms. Posada-Swofford actively covers NASA's science programs and educational initiatives, including the Reduced Gravity Flights for college students and astronaut training, as well as NASA's return to flight preparations.

The South Pole trip, in January 2006, was the first invitation from the National Science Foundation to a Hispanic journalist. Results from that trip include a one hour documentary for Caracol International which will air early 2007, articles at *New Scientist Magazine*, *WIRED Magazine*, *El Tiempo*, *Revista Geo*, *Tiempos del Mundo*, *Hispanic Magazine* and *National Geographic Spanish*, as well as one of the books in her series "Aventureros de la Ciencia."

Between 1989 and 1995 she held several positions at *El Nuevo Herald*, which included Travel Editor, Food Editor and translator. During that time she also specialized in editorial, environmental and science writing, and wrote a biweekly column for five years on these topics. She produced science and environmental stories for *CBS Telenoticias* and *The Travel Channel*.

The School Board commends Angela Posada-Swofford for sharing her passion for learning and her science and journalistic experiences and knowledge through her books, videos and columns.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY VICE CHAIR
DR. MARTIN KARP:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 13-109 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Angela Posada-Swofford.

**RESOLUTION NO. 13-109
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING ANGELA POSADA-SWAFFORD**

WHEREAS, Angela Posada-Swofford, is the U.S. correspondent of *Muy Interesante* magazine, the largest science-for-the-general reader publication in Spanish language. Edited in Madrid, *Muy Interesante* circulates monthly throughout the Americas with 3 million copies; and

WHEREAS, She's been writing about science and exploration, for the past 30 years, first as an editor, columnist and reporter at *El Nuevo Herald*, then as a freelance writer for *Discovery.com*, *ABCNEWS.com*, *Latin Trade Magazine*, *Astronomy Magazine*, *WIRED Magazine*, *New Scientist Magazine*, *The Boston Globe*, *The Christian Science Monitor*, and

WHEREAS, Ms. Posada-Swofford's work with the Discovery Channel is extensive. She has served as a freelance researcher and content editor for new science shows originated at Discovery Channel Latin America/Iberia. She produced and wrote science capsules in Costa Rica and Colombia. Also, she helped field produce, research and write a one-hour documentary on the industry of private security in Latin America titled *Maxima Seguridad*, and participated in a new science show pilot titled the *Smart Factor*. In addition, she worked for *Discovery Challenge Eco-Challenge Morocco* and *Patagonia*; and

WHEREAS, For Grupo Planeta she wrote a 15-book series of science and adventure novels for young adults, titled "Los Aventureros de la Ciencia", each novel based on one of her travels and teaching a different science and accompanied by a documentary DVD which she also produced. The series, published throughout the Americas and Iberia, debuted in 2007; and

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WHEREAS, Her work has taken her from the South Pole and the Arctic Circle in Alaska to Hawaii's Mauna Kea volcano, from Newfoundland's tundra to Zimbabwe's hippo pools, from 3,000 feet at the bottom of the Caribbean, to 15,000 feet high in Chile's Cerro Paranal, home of the biggest telescope in the world; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, she was honored as the first Hispanic journalist invited from the National Science Foundation to the South Pole. Results from that trip include a one hour documentary for Caracol International which will air early 2007, articles at *New Scientist Magazine*, *WIRED Magazine*, *El Tiempo*, *Revista Geo*, *Tiempos del Mundo*, *Hispanic Magazine* and *National Geographic Spanish*, as well as one of the books in her series "Aventureros de la Ciencia"; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 13-109 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Angela Posada-Swofford.

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

Presented this third day of September, A.D. 2013

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary