

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 14-025 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE 2013-2014 PARAPROFESSIONAL/SCHOOL SUPPORT PERSONNEL OF THE YEAR WINNER AND THE 2013-2014 OFFICE EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR WINNER

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY AND GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

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

For the past 26 years, Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) has been honoring the contributions of the most outstanding Office Employee and Paraprofessional/School Support Personnel of the Year. The following are this year's winners:

Ms. Lisette Deas-Bernardo, a Secretary at Terra Environmental Research Institute, was named 2013-2014 Office Employee of the Year. Ms. Deas-Bernardo has worked for the District for 11 years in various clerical positions. Prior to being hired by the District, Ms. Deas-Bernardo was involved with the school system as a volunteer and PTA member. She attributes her interest in working with the school system to her son. Ms. Deas-Bernardo's continued commitment to her school and her Principal, Ms. Caridad Montano, is reflective of her philosophy "No job is meaningless as long as you enjoy waking up and enjoy going to work." Ms. Deas-Bernardo, according to Principal Montano, is "one of the pillars of TERRA Environmental Research Institute."

Mr. Andre Stafford, a Security Monitor, was named 2013-2014 Paraprofessional/School Support Personnel of the Year. Mr. Stafford has worked for the District for 16 years at his Alma Mater, Miami Carol City Senior High School. He has assisted the school with the football and track teams and the VICA Club. Mr. Stafford also volunteered with the Special Olympics as a team coach. Mr. Stafford has been named the "Dean of Discipline" and he takes the title very seriously. Principal Jamarv Dunn believes Mr. Stafford is an exemplary employee and is "dedicated to the achievement of each and every student in the school." Mr. Stafford's philosophy is, "Opportunity favors the prepared...if you're not prepared then you will not have the opportunity."

Lisette Deas-Bernardo and Andre Stafford are to be commended for their dedication to the students and families of M-DCPS. Their commitment to excellence has enriched the lives of countless students.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 14-025 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the 2013-2014 Paraprofessional/School Support Personnel of the Year Winner and the 2013-2014 Office Employee of the Year Winner.

**RESOLUTION NO. 14-025
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING THE 2013-2014 PARAPROFESSIONAL/SCHOOL SUPPORT PERSONNEL OF
THE YEAR WINNER AND THE 2013-2014 OFFICE EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR WINNER**

WHEREAS, for the past 26 years, Miami-Dade County Public Schools has been honoring the contributions of the most outstanding Office Employee and Paraprofessional/School Support Personnel of the Year. The following are this year's winners; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Lisette Deas-Bernardo, a Secretary at Terra Environmental Research Institute, was named 2013-2014 Office Employee of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Deas-Bernardo has worked for the District for 11 years in various clerical positions. Prior to being hired by the District, Ms. Deas-Bernardo was involved with the school system as a volunteer and PTA member; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Deas-Bernardo's continued commitment to her school and her Principal, Ms. Caridad Montano, is reflective of her philosophy "No job is meaningless as long as you enjoy waking up and enjoy going to work"; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Deas-Bernardo is recognized by her Principal as "one of the pillars of TERRA Environmental Research Institute"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Andre Stafford, a Security Monitor, was named 2013-2014 Paraprofessional/School Support Personnel of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stafford has worked for the District for 16 years at his Alma Mater, Miami Carol City Senior High School and has been involved with the school system as a volunteer assisting with the football and track teams, Special Olympics and the VICA Club; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stafford's philosophy is "Opportunity favors the prepared...if you're not prepared then you will not have the opportunity"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stafford is recognized by his Principal Jamarv Dunn as an exemplary employee and is "dedicated to the achievement of each and every student in the school";

WHEREAS, Lisette Deas-Bernardo and Andre Stafford are to be commended for their dedication to the students and families of M-DCPS. Their commitment to excellence has enriched the lives of countless students.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 14-025 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the 2013-2014 Paraprofessional/School Support Personnel of the Year winner and the 2013-2014 Office Employee of the Year winner.

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

Presented this twelfth day of March, A.D. 2014

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary