

Ms. Raquel Regalado, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 14-064
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
FLORIDA, COMMENDING DR. ELLEN PRAGER**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

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

Dr. Ellen Prager is a well-respected marine scientist, researcher and author. Dr. Prager is dedicated to sharing her love of the ocean with students of all ages and speaks to students nationwide about the importance of the ocean. Her latest book, *The Shark Whisperer*, the first in a three-book series titled *Tristan Hunt and the Sea Guardians*, is targeted toward students ages 8 to 12. The fictional story features real places and issues related to ocean science.

A committed scientist, Dr. Prager has participated in research expeditions to the Galapagos Islands, Papua New Guinea, the Caribbean, Bahamas, and the Florida Reef. She previously served as the Chief Scientist for the Aquarius Reef Base Program in Key Largo, which includes the world's only undersea research station. She also served as Assistant Dean at the University of Miami's Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science. A sought-out scientist and spokesperson on earth and ocean science issues, Dr. Prager has appeared on The Today Show and NBC News, Good Morning America, Fox News, CBS Early Show, CNN, The Weather Channel, and Discovery Channel. Dr. Prager has also been published in scientific journals, magazines, and she has written several books.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools is committed to creating a community of scientifically-literate lifelong learners who are competitive at a global level, and to improving science teaching and learning for all. Dr. Ellen Prager is to be commended for her enthusiasm and dedication in inspiring students to learn more about the importance of the ocean and marine life.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. RAQUEL REGALADO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 14-064 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, commending Dr. Ellen Prager.

**Replacement
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**RESOLUTION NO. 14-064
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
COMMENDING DR. ELLEN PRAGER**

WHEREAS, Dr. Ellen Prager is a well-respected marine scientist, researcher and author. Dr. Prager is dedicated to sharing her love of the ocean with students of all ages and speaks to students nationwide about the importance of the ocean; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Prager's latest book, *The Shark Whisperer*, the first in a three-book series titled *Tristan Hunt and the Sea Guardians*, is targeted toward students ages 8 to 12. The fictional story features real places and issues related to ocean science; and

WHEREAS, a sought-out scientist and spokesperson on earth and ocean science issues, Dr. Prager has appeared on The Today Show and NBC News, Good Morning America, Fox News, CBS Early Show, CNN, The Weather Channel, and Discovery Channel. Dr. Prager has also been published in scientific journals, magazines, and she has written several books; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools is committed to creating a community of scientifically-literate lifelong learners who are competitive at a global level, and to improving science teaching and learning for all; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ellen Prager is to be commended for her enthusiasm and dedication in inspiring students to learn more about the importance of the ocean and marine life;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 14-064 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, commending Dr. Ellen Prager.

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

Presented this eighteenth day of June, A.D. 2014

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary