

Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, Vice Chair

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 14-091 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA RECOGNIZING CALUSA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND HOMESTEAD SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL AS THE WINNERS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT'S ADVISORY PANEL INCLUSION-ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: SCHOOL/DISTRICT LEADERSHIP

In an effort to increase the inclusion and achievement (reading and mathematics) percentage rates of students with disabilities, the Division of Exceptional Student Education (ESE) in collaboration with the Superintendent's ESE Advisory Panel created the Superintendent's Advisory Panel Inclusion-Achievement Award. The Superintendent's ESE Advisory Panel Education-Inclusion sub-committee was charged with the responsibility of overseeing the process through which recipients of this award were chosen. During last spring, the sub-committee sent applications to all schools, out of which 12 schools replied with their applications. Calusa Elementary School and Homestead Senior High School were identified by the sub-committee for having met all of the criteria stipulated in the award.

Calusa Elementary School had an inclusion rate of 60.31 in June 2013, rising to 98.50 percent in June 2014. Academic hallmarks were also noted, as the school's reading proficiency rate rose from 38 percent to 51 percent while math rates rose from 49 percent to 71 percent in the same time period.

During the same time period, Homestead Senior High School's inclusion rate increased from 12.62 percent to 39.83 percent. Reading and math proficiency rates also saw increases within the same time span. Reading rates increased from 12 percent to 14 percent, while math rates rose from 13 percent to 27 percent.

Based on their performance level of improvement, Calusa Elementary School and Homestead Senior High School were awarded the Superintendent's Advisory Panel Inclusion-Achievement Award.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. LAWRENCE S. FELDMAN: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 14-091 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Calusa Elementary and Homestead Senior High School as the winners of the Superintendent's Advisory Panel Inclusion-Achievement Award.

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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
RECOGNIZING CALUSA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND HOMESTEAD SENIOR HIGH
SCHOOL AS THE WINNERS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT'S ADVISORY PANEL
INCLUSION-ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

WHEREAS, in an effort to increase the inclusion and achievement (reading and mathematics) percentage rates of students with disabilities, the Division of Exceptional Student Education (ESE) in collaboration with the Superintendent's ESE Advisory Panel created the Superintendent's Advisory Panel Inclusion-Achievement Award.

WHEREAS, the Superintendent's ESE Advisory Panel Education-Inclusion sub-committee was charged with the responsibility of overseeing the process through which recipients of this award were chosen; and

WHEREAS, Calusa Elementary School had an inclusion rate of 60.31 in June 2013, rising to 98.50 percent in June 2014. Academic hallmarks were also noted, as the school's reading proficiency rate rose from 38 percent in June 2013 to 51 percent in June 2014 while math rates rose from 49 percent to 71 percent in the same time period.

WHEREAS, During the same time period, Homestead Senior High School's inclusion rate increased from 12.62 percent to 39.83 percent. Reading and math proficiency rates also saw increases within the same time span. Reading rates increased from 12 percent to 14 percent, while math rates rose from 13 percent to 27 percent.

WHEREAS, based on their improvement level of performance, as stipulated in the award, Calusa Elementary School and Homestead Senior High School were chosen as the winners of the Superintendent's Advisory Panel Inclusion-Achievement Award;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida approve Resolution No. 14-091 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida recognizing Calusa Elementary School and Homestead Senior High School as the winners of the Superintendent's Advisory Panel Inclusion- Achievement Award.

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

Presented this seventh day of October, A.D. 2014

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary