

Dr. Marta Pérez Wurtz, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 15-069 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, HONORING DR. MARISEL ELIAS MIRANDA

COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, EVALUATION, AND TECHNOLOGY

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

Miami-Dade County Public Schools has been fortunate to have in its ranks of administrators some individuals that are highly qualified and serve the community with honor and integrity. One of these is Dr. Marisel Elias Miranda, who leaves the school system after a distinguished career that spans thirty five years.

Dr. Miranda earned a Bachelor's degree in Education from the University of Miami in 1979, and Master's and doctoral degrees from Nova Southeastern University in 1983 and 2002, respectively. She began teaching in 1980 and rapidly rose up to ranks to administrative positions first as Assistant Principal and later as Principal in Shenandoah Elementary, Marjory Stoneman Douglas Elementary, and E.W.F. Stirrup Elementary Schools. In 1996 she was elected the Region V Principal of the Year. In 2006 and 2014 she participated in the Summer Leadership Institutes at the Harvard Graduate School of Education in Boston and the National Head Start program headquartered in Dallas.

She was appointed to lead the Division of Early Childhood programs in 1996. Since then she has become a nationally recognized expert in the field of early childhood education and has served on prestigious boards and committees such as Miami-Dade College's Early Childhood Programs Advisory Board. Since 1999 she has co-chaired the Early Development and Education Task Force's Miami-Dade School Readiness Coalition Board. She writes regular articles on early childhood education for El Nuevo Herald and is a frequent guest on local radio and television shows. Since 2003 she is an adjunct professor at Nova Southeastern University.

During her illustrious career she has received numerous awards and recognitions, significantly the coveted Champion for Children Chairman's Recognition Award from the Children Services Council in 2001, Florida International University's award for outstanding contributions to The Family English Literacy Program in 1994, and the State of Florida Senatorial Appreciation Award for outstanding leadership in the promotion of a safe and drug-free community in 1993.

Dr. Miranda is a dedicated educator whose compassionate heart has inspired her to give to those in need. Since 2003 she sponsors poor students in the Dominican Republic with donations of food, clothing and shelter.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. MARTA PÉREZ WURTZ:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 15-069 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring Dr. Marisel Elias Miranda for her contributions to education.

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