

Ms. Raquel Regalado, Board Member

**SUBJECT:                   REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 15-085 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, HONORING THE ADRIENNE ARSHT CENTER ON ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY, ITS EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND PACT CHAIRMAN MIKE EIDSON**

**COMMITTEE:               ACADEMIC, EVALUATION AND TECHNOLOGY**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:               RELEVANT, RIGOROUS AND INNOVATIVE ACADEMICS**

Set in the heart of downtown Miami and designed by world-renowned architect Cesar Pelli, the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County is one of the world's leading performing arts organizations and venues. Since opening in 2006, the Center has emerged as a leader in presenting innovative programming that mirrors South Florida's diversity as well as a catalyst for billions of dollars in new development in the downtown area.

Now gearing up for its 10th anniversary season, the Center a non-profit organization, is a cultural magnet offering great performances to entertainment-starved audiences of all ages and backgrounds. This vibrant, resourceful and exciting edifice has sparked a new urban spirit in Miami's Town Square.

Spotlighting legends and serving as a launch pad for local artists to make their mark on the international stage, the Center presents nearly 500 events each year across its eight flexible, state-of-the-art performance spaces.

John Richard has served as President and CEO of the Arsht Center since December 2008. Prior to this he was the Executive Vice President and COO of the New Jersey Performing Arts Center, where he worked for nearly 20 years. Under his direction, the Center has kept access to the performing arts central to its mission. Its annual production of "Rock Odyssey" has been seen free-of-charge by nearly 200,000 fifth-graders in Miami-Dade County Public Schools (half of which had never been to live theater performance before).

Mike Eidson has been chairman of the Performing Arts Center Trust since 2010. Since then the Arsht Center has welcomed its three millionth audience member and presented more than two million performances and events. Over this period, 150,000 Miami-Dade students have participated in free arts education programs that have sparked creative learning.

The School Board commends the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts and Mike Eidson for transforming downtown Miami into a cultural landscape through active learning and live theatrical experiences.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY MS. RAQUEL REGALADO:**       That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 15-085 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts on its 10th anniversary, its education programs and Pact Chairman Mike Eidson.

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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, HONORING  
THE ADRIENNE ARSHT CENTER ON ITS 10TH ANNIVERSARY, ITS EDUCATION PROGRAMS  
AND PACT CHAIRMAN MIKE EIDSON**

**WHEREAS**, set in the heart of downtown Miami and designed by world-renowned architect Cesar Pelli, the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County is one of the world's leading performing arts organizations and venues; and

**WHEREAS**, since opening in 2006, the Center has emerged as a leader in presenting innovative programming that mirrors South Florida's diversity as well as a catalyst for billions of dollars in new development in the downtown area; and

**WHEREAS**, now gearing up for its 10th anniversary season, the Center, a non-profit organization, is a cultural magnet offering great performances to entertainment-starved audiences of all ages and backgrounds. This vibrant, resourceful and exciting edifice has sparked a new urban spirit in Miami's Town Square; and

**WHEREAS** spotlighting legends and serving as a launch pad for local artists to make their mark on the international stage, the Center presents nearly 500 events each year across its eight flexible, state-of-the-art performance spaces; and

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**WHEREAS**, the School Board commends the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts and Mike Eidson for transforming downtown Miami into a cultural landscape through active learning and live theatrical experiences;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 15-085 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts on its 10th anniversary, its education programs and Pact Chairman Mike Eidson.

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

**Presented this fourteenth day of October, A.D. 2015**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary