

Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, Vice Chair

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 15-082 OF
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING PALMETTO ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL AS A NATIONAL PTA SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE**

**COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL SERVICES AND STUDENT AND SCHOOL
SUPPORT**

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

The *National PTA School of Excellence* program, launched in 2013, helps to strengthen family-school partnerships across the country and make measurable progress in the areas of education, health and safety, and arts and cultural exploration.

Through the program, a PTA partners with its school at the beginning of the school year to examine how families feel the school measures up to the research-based indicators of the National Standards for Family-School Partnerships. After evaluating their current family engagement strategies, the PTA and school then work together throughout the year to address barriers and open up new ways for families to support student success. The National PTA School of Excellence designation is awarded when families feel the school has achieved a high level of engagement or when the PTA and school have made substantive, positive improvement in families' perceptions since the beginning of the year.

This summer, the National PTA recognized 124 schools from across the country as the 2015-2017 Schools of Excellence for their achievements in building strong family-school partnerships. Among this year's winners was Palmetto Elementary School.

More than 40 years of research shows that when families and schools work together, student achievement increases, schools improve and communities grow stronger. The School Board commends Palmetto Elementary PTA members Mariana Pesin, Andrea Gonzalez and Rossana Cardoso, and PTA President Janet Hodur for their dedicated time and energy in spearheading the school's success.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. LAWRENCE S. FELDMAN: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 15-082 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Palmetto Elementary School as a National PTA School of Excellence.

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-082
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING PALMETTO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AS A NATIONAL PTA
SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE**

WHEREAS, the *National PTA School of Excellence* program, launched in 2013, helps to strengthen family-school partnerships across the country and make measurable progress in the areas of education, health and safety, and arts and cultural exploration; and

WHEREAS, through the program, a PTA partners with its school at the beginning of the school year to examine how families feel the school measures up to the research-based indicators of the National Standards for Family-School Partnerships. After evaluating their current family engagement strategies, the PTA and school then work together throughout the year to address barriers and open up new ways for families to support student success; and

WHEREAS, the National PTA School of Excellence designation is awarded when families feel the school has achieved a high level of engagement or when the PTA and school have made substantive, positive improvement in families' perceptions since the beginning of the year; and

WHEREAS, this summer, the National PTA recognized 124 schools from across the country as the 2015-2017 Schools of Excellence for their achievements in building strong family-school partnerships. Among this year's winners was Palmetto Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, more than 40 years of research shows that when families and schools work together, student achievement increases, schools improve and communities grow stronger; and

WHEREAS, the School Board commends Palmetto Elementary PTA members Mariana Pesin, Andrea Gonzalez and Rossana Cardoso, and PTA President Janet Hodur for their dedicated time and energy in spearheading the school's success;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 15-082 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Palmetto Elementary School as a National PTA School of Excellence.

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

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary