

Ms. Raquel Regalado, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 16-016 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE KEY BISCAYNE COMMUNITY SCHOOL PTA

COMMITTEE: ACADEMIC, EVALUATION AND TECHNOLOGY

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: SAFE, HEALTHY AND SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

The National Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is a nonprofit association comprised of families, students, teachers, and administrators, as well as business and community leaders. The PTA is an influential advocate for public education and children. It is also an important resource for parents. One of the PTA's top honors is the National PTA Schools of Excellence designation. The National PTA Schools of Excellence distinction highlights schools that cultivate solid and effective family-school relationships and continue to make a difference in student and school success. The program was launched three years ago to foster and strengthen family-school bonds. It also supports measurable progress in the areas of education, the arts, culture, and health and safety.

This year, 124 schools from across the country received this recognition including the Key Biscayne Community School PTA. In addition to this great accomplishment, the school was the sole recipient of the Phoebe Apperson Hearst Award for innovation in family engagement. The award is named after the National PTA co-founder and is the highest recognition given to a local PTA.

Through its hard work, the Key Biscayne Community School PTA was able to support the school's technological needs such as visual presenters (document cameras), LCD projectors, iPad carts, iTunes cards to purchase teacher Apps, printers and fax machines, and laptops for teachers. The PTA aids teachers through school opening welcome materials, academic agendas for teachers, \$190 to each of 90 teachers for classroom materials, year-round teacher seminars and Teacher Appreciation Week lunch and gifts. It also supports student achievement including Student of the Month: 8 monthly breakfasts, t-shirts and certificates, Red Ribbon Day lunch, counselor support (Elementary and Middle School Counselors), a Brainpop software subscription, students financial aid for fieldtrips or graduation events and Honor Assembly medals and trophies. In addition, school improvements were made such as the Memory Brick patio and the Installation of artificial grass in the playground.

Key Biscayne Community School PTA is to be commended for its tireless work to enhance the learning environment for its students and families thus ensuring students achieve at their highest potential.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

MS. RAQUEL REGALADO: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 16-016 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Key Biscayne Community School PTA.

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-016
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING THE KEY BISKEYNE COMMUNITY SCHOOL PTA**

WHEREAS, the National Parent Teacher Association (PTA) is a nonprofit association comprised of families, students, teachers, and administrators, as well as business and community leaders. The PTA is an influential advocate for public education and children. It is also an important resource for parents; and

WHEREAS, one of the PTA's top honors is the National PTA Schools of Excellence designation. The National PTA Schools of Excellence distinction highlights schools that cultivate solid and effective family-school relationships and continue to make a difference in student and school success; and

WHEREAS, this year, 124 schools from across the country received this recognition including the Key Biscayne Community School PTA. In addition to this great accomplishment, the school was the sole recipient of the Phoebe Apperson Hearst Award for innovation in family engagement. The award is named after the National PTA co-founder and is the highest recognition given to a local PTA; and

WHEREAS, through its hard work, the Key Biscayne Community School PTA was able to support the school's technological needs such as visual presenters (document cameras), LCD projectors, iPad carts, iTunes cards to purchase teacher Apps, printers and fax machines, and laptops for teachers. The PTA aids teachers through school opening welcome materials, academic agendas for teachers, \$190 to each teacher (90 teachers) for classroom materials, year-round teacher seminars and Teacher Appreciation Week – lunch and gifts; and

WHEREAS, it also supports student achievement including Student of the Month: 8 monthly breakfasts, t-shirts and certificates, Red Ribbon Day lunch, counselor support (Elementary and Middle School Counselors), a Brainpop software subscription, students financial aid for fieldtrips or graduation events and Honor Assembly medals and trophies. In addition, school improvements were made such as the Memory Brick patio and the Installation of artificial grass in the playground; and

WHEREAS, Key Biscayne Community School PTA is to be commended for its tireless work to enhance the learning environment for its students and families thus ensuring students achieve at their highest potential.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 16-016 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the PTA of Key Biscayne K-8 Center.

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

Presented this third day of February, A.D. 2016

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary