

Dr. Lawrence Feldman, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 16-089 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE GERALD D. KITCHELL.

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL SERVICES AND STUDENT AND SCHOOL SUPPORT

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: HIGHLY EFFECTIVE TEACHERS, LEADERS AND STAFF

Law enforcement runs in the family for Deputy Chief of Police Gerald D. Kitchell. As the son of a Miami-Dade County police officer, Deputy Chief Kitchell witnessed first-hand the important role officers play in the community. As a result, he has been an integral part of the Miami-Dade Schools Police Department for more than two decades.

Deputy Chief Kitchell began his career with Miami-Dade Schools Police as a School Resource Officer and swiftly moved up the ranks as Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Major to Deputy Major. He served as the interim Chief bringing a sense of stability, security, fiscal accountability and trust to the department and was admired for the professionalism which are trademarks of his service. Over the years, his duties included patrol services, investigations, and Internal Affairs and Youth Crime Watch Officer. As Deputy Chief, he supervised Operations as well as the Administrative and Investigative divisions. He has been instrumental in creating many policies, still in effect today, that ensure the safety and security of the classroom. As one of the first department members to attend the prestigious Southern Police Institute, Deputy Chief Kitchell embodies the professionalism and dedication to personal growth that are now hallmarks of Miami-Dade Schools Police. As the founding president of FOP 133, he dedicated time and effort to ensuring professional growth opportunities and improved working conditions for his force.

Deputy Chief of Police Gerald D. Kitchell is to be commended for his 25 years of service to the students and families of Miami-Dade County Public Schools during which time he demonstrated the principles of courage, justice and equality.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. LAWRENCE S. FELDMAN: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 16-089 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Deputy Chief of Police Gerald D. Kitchell.

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-089
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE GERALD D. KITCHELL**

WHEREAS, law enforcement runs in the family for Deputy Chief of Police Gerald D. Kitchell. As the son of a Miami-Dade County police officer, Deputy Chief Kitchell witnessed first-hand the important role officers play in the community. As a result, he has been an integral part of the Miami-Dade Schools Police Department for more than two decades; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Chief Kitchell began his career with Miami-Dade Schools Police as a School Resource Officer and swiftly moved up the ranks as Sergeant, Lieutenant, Major to Deputy Major. Over the years, his duties included patrol services, investigations, and Internal Affairs and Youth Crime Watch Officer; and

WHEREAS, as Deputy Chief, he supervised Operations as well as the Administrative and Investigative divisions. He has been instrumental in creating many policies, still in effect today, that ensure the safety and security of the classroom. As one of the first department members to attend the prestigious Southern Police Institute, Deputy Chief Kitchell embodies the professionalism and dedication to personal growth that are now hallmarks of Miami-Dade Schools Police; and

WHEREAS, as the founding president of FOP 133, he dedicated time and effort to ensuring professional growth opportunities and improved working conditions for his force; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Chief of Police Gerald D. Kitchell is to be commended for his 25 years of service to the students and families of Miami-Dade County Public Schools during which time he demonstrated the principles of courage, justice and equality;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 16-089 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Deputy Chief of Police Gerald D. Kitchell.

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

Presented this seventh day of August, A.D. 2016

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary