

Dr. Lawrence Feldman, Chair

Co-Sponsor: Ms. Maria Teresa Rojas, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 17-030 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING MR. ROY RIPAK**

**COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: INFORMED, ENGAGED, AND EMPOWERED STAKEHOLDERS**

As Regional Vice President for the Walgreen Company, Roy Ripak supervises 340 stores, 17 Take Care Clinics, and 7 on-site pharmacies South Florida. Born and raised in New York, he started with Walgreens as a stock boy in 1974 and, subsequently, held the position of Store Manager and District Manager throughout Florida and Colorado before assuming his current position.

Dedicated to furthering his education, Mr. Ripak received his MBA in Management from The University of Miami in 2000 and now calls South Florida home. His commitment to community well-being is evident through his involvement as a Board Member for the American Diabetes Association, Ronald McDonald House, American Heart Association and past member for Florida International University Business School. He has worked with the Diabetes Research Institute to organize and sponsor a diabetes walk for the state of Florida in 14 locations throughout the state. Walgreens has raised over \$4 million dollars locally over the last 4 years for such charities in the South Florida area.

In 2015, he was honored at the Ronald McDonald House luncheon as one of the "Twelve Good Men". This honor exemplified how strong leaders help others learn from the lessons of the past and present and apply those lessons to influence the future. In June 2016, he was given the "South Florida Father of the Year" award by the American Diabetes Association. This award recognizes the commitment demonstrated by fathers who balance and maintain successful careers and philanthropic service to the community and their families.

Recently, Mr. Ripak has been instrumental in securing donations and resources to benefit such groups as The Lotus House and Fraternidad Americana. For the past two years, his generosity ensured local unaccompanied minors received gifts for the holidays. Mr. Ripak does not hesitate to answer calls for help in times of need and can be counted on to provided assistance no matter what logistical challenges are present. He is to be recognized for his outstanding contributions to community well-being.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**DR. LAWRENCE S. FELDMAN:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 17-030 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Mr. Roy Ripak for his outstanding contributions to community well-being.

**RESOLUTION NO. 17-030  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING MR. ROY RIPAK FOR HIS OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO COMMUNITY  
WELL-BEING**

**WHEREAS**, as Regional Vice President for the Walgreen Company, Roy Ripak supervises 340 stores, 17 Take Care Clinics, and 7 on-site pharmacies South Florida. Born and raised in New York, he started with Walgreens as a stock boy in 1974 and, subsequently, held the position of Store Manager and District Manager throughout Florida and Colorado before assuming his current position; and

**WHEREAS**, dedicated to furthering his education, Mr. Ripak received his MBA in Management from The University of Miami in 2000 and now calls South Florida home. His commitment to community well-being is evident through his involvement as a Board Member for the American Diabetes Association, Ronald McDonald House, American Heart Association and past member for Florida International University Business School; and

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 17-030 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Mr. Roy Ripak for his outstanding contributions to community well-being.

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

**Presented this fifteenth day of March, A.D. 2017**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary