

Ms. Maria Teresa Rojas, Board Member

Co-Sponsor: Ms. Lubby Navarro, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 17-023 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA RECOGNIZING MS. MARTHA CHANG, 2017 CENTRAL REGION PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL SERVICES AND STUDENT AND SCHOOL SUPPORT

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

A school principal is a person who plans for the future of his/her students, keeping a delicate balance as a diplomat, sounding board, innovator, business person, and dedicated educator and instructional leader. Ms. Martha C. Chang, Principal at Ponce de Leon Middle School, embodies these qualities, and was selected as the 2017 Central Region Principal of the Year.

Ms. Chang is a graduate of Indiana University with a degree in Education. She also holds a Master's of Science degree in Mathematics Education from Florida State University, and an Educational Specialist degree in Educational Leadership from Nova Southeastern University.

Ms. Chang began her career as a mathematics teacher at Miami Springs Middle School. She was also a teacher, a choral director, and an activities director at Glades Middle School. Her administrative duties began as a Temporary Assistant Principal at Howard A. Doolin Middle School, and she served as an Associate Provost and Dean of Academic Affairs at Miami Edison Senior High School. Subsequent to that, she has served as Principal of Ponce de Leon Middle School since December 2011.

Ms. Chang has received numerous awards for her dedication, passion, and commitment as an educator and an instructional leader. Some of these include being named Assistant Principal of the Year in 2011, Teacher of the Year at Glades Middle School, Miami-Dade County United Way American Values Award winner in 2001, and the Rookie Teacher of the Year at Miami Springs Middle School.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

MS. MARIA TERESA ROJAS: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No.17-023 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Ms. Martha C. Chang, 2017 Central Region Principal of the Year.

**RESOLUTION NO. 17-023
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING MS. MARTHA CHANG, 2017 CENTRAL REGION PRINCIPAL OF
THE YEAR**

WHEREAS, principals serve as the instructional leaders of their schools, setting the bar for high standards of excellence in teaching and creating an environment that fosters learning and engagement; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Martha C. Chang has served as Principal of Ponce de Leon Middle School since December 2011, and was recently selected as the Miami-Dade County Public Schools Central Region 2017 Principal of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Chang is a graduate of Indiana University, with a degree in Education, and holds a Master of Science degree in Mathematics Education from Florida State University, as well as an Educational Specialist degree in Educational Leadership from Nova Southeastern University, and

WHEREAS, Ms. Chang's administrative career began as a Temporary Assistant Principal at Howard A. Doolin Middle School, and she later served as an Associate Provost and Dean of Academic Affairs at Miami Edison Senior High School; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Chang has received numerous awards for her dedication, passion, and commitment as an educator and instructional leader, including being named Assistant Principal of the Year in 2011, and Teacher of the Year at Glades Middle School, among many other recognitions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 17-023 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Martha C. Chang, 2017 Central Region Principal of the Year.

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

Presented this fifteenth day of February, A. D. 2017

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary