

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 17-063 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE 2016-2017 DADE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS (DASA) PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR, MS. MARITZA D. JIMENEZ

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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Ms. Maritza D. Jimenez, the principal of Hialeah Gardens Middle School, was selected as the District's 2016-2017 Principal of the Year by the Dade Association of School Administrators (DASA) for her outstanding work and leadership.

Ms. Jimenez began her career in 1997, teaching Special Education at Henry H. Filer Middle School. Her talent was quickly recognized and she soon became an Assistant Principal. During her tenure as an Assistant Principal, she took time to study various management styles, focusing on ways to improve educational excellence for students.

In 2008, Ms. Jimenez was promoted to principal of Hialeah Gardens Middle School, where she has served for the last eight years. She has passionately dedicated herself to improve the quality of education and to promote an atmosphere where every student finds the opportunity to discover their strengths and receive a high quality education.

Ms. Jimenez has expanded the elective and enrichment programs, and further developed arts and athletics programs at Hialeah Gardens Middle School. Ms. Jimenez believes that every student deserves a well-rounded education based on their unique aspirations and needs.

With over 20 years of experience in administration and curricular expertise, Ms. Jimenez has been successful in leading Hialeah Gardens Middle School to maintain an "A" rating for the last six years.

Ms. Jimenez is two-time graduate of the University of Miami, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology, as well as a Master's degree in special education. She is married with three children.

Ms. Jimenez is an exceptional leader. Her dedication to the students of M-DCPS is admirable and noteworthy.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

PERLA TABARES HANTMAN: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 17-063 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the 2016-2017 Dade Association of School Administrators (DASA) Principal of the Year, Ms. Maritza D. Jimenez.

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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
RECOGNIZING THE 2016-2017 DADE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS
PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR, MS. MARITZA D. JIMENEZ**

WHEREAS, Ms. Maritza D. Jimenez, the principal of Hialeah Gardens Middle School, was selected as the District's 2016-2017 Principal of the Year by the Dade Association of School Administrators (DASA) for her outstanding work and leadership; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, Ms. Jimenez was promoted to principal of Hialeah Gardens Middle School, where she has served for the last eight years; and

WHEREAS, she has passionately dedicated herself to improve the quality of education and to promote an atmosphere where every student finds the opportunity to discover their strengths and receive a high quality education; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jimenez has expanded the elective and enrichment programs, and further developed arts and athletics programs at Hialeah Gardens Middle School; and

WHEREAS, with over 20 years of experience in administration and curricular expertise, Ms. Jimenez has been successful in leading Hialeah Gardens Middle School to maintain an "A" rating for the last six years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jimenez is two-time graduate of the University of Miami, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology, as well as a master's degree in special education. She is happily married with three children; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jimenez is an exceptional leader and her dedication to the students of Miami-Dade County Public Schools is admirable and noteworthy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 17-063 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the 2016-2017 Dade Association of School Administrators Principal of the Year, Ms. Maritza D. Jimenez.

Presented this twenty-fourth day of May, A.D. 2017

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary