

Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 17-112 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE 2017-2018 SUPERINTENDENT'S DISTRICT ADVISORY PANEL FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES INCLUSION ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS

COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, INNOVATION, EVALUATION & TECHNOLOGY

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: RELEVANT, RIGOROUS AND INNOVATIVE ACADEMICS

The Florida Department of Education, Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services, cites 21 performance indicators to determine the accomplishment of school districts. Certain indicators focus on the rate at which students with disabilities are taught with their non-disabled peers in regular classrooms for 80% or more of the time.

In an effort to increase the rate of inclusion of students with disabilities and enhance their academic achievement, the Superintendent's District Advisory Panel for Students with Disabilities, in collaboration with the Department of Exceptional Student Education, established the annual *Superintendent's District Advisory Panel Inclusion Achievement Award*. This award highlights the efforts and initiatives undertaken by schools to facilitate inclusion and promote achievement for all students. Applications for the award are elicited from schools and they are reviewed by panel members to identify the award recipients.

The Superintendent's District Advisory Panel for Students with Disabilities has selected Devon Aire K-8 Center, Fienberg Fisher K-8 Center and Ruben Dario Middle School as this year's award recipients. Devon Aire K-8 Center increased its inclusion rate by 20% over the past year to 79%. During the same period, Fienberg Fisher K-8 Center increased its inclusion rate by 10% to garner an inclusion rate of 66% and Ruben Dario Middle School increased its inclusion rate by 40% over the past year to 67%. These schools are to be commended for their commitment to inclusion and academic achievement for all students.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. LAWRENCE S. FELDMAN: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 17-112 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Devon Aire K-8 Center, Fienberg Fisher K-8 Center and Ruben Dario Middle School as the recipients of the 2017-2018 Superintendent's District Advisory Panel for Students with Disabilities Inclusion Achievement Award.

**RESOLUTION NO. 17-112
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING DEVON AIRE K-8 CENTER, RUBEN DARIO MIDDLE SCHOOL AND
FIENBERG FISHER K-8 CENTER AS THE 2017-2018 SUPERINTENDENT'S DISTRICT
ADVISORY PANEL FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES INCLUSION ACHIEVEMENT
AWARD RECIPIENTS**

WHEREAS, The Florida Department of Education, Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services, cites 21 performance indicators to determine the accomplishment of school districts. Certain indicators focus on the rate at which students with disabilities are taught with their non-disabled peers in regular classrooms for 80% or more of the time; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to increase the rate of inclusion of students with disabilities and enhance their academic achievement, the Superintendent's District Advisory Panel for Students with Disabilities, in collaboration with the Department of Exceptional Student Education established the annual Superintendent's District Advisory Panel Inclusion Achievement Award; and

WHEREAS, this award highlights the efforts and initiatives undertaken by schools to facilitate inclusion and promote achievement for all students; and

WHEREAS, Devon Aire K-8 Center increased its inclusion rate by 20% over the past year to 79%. During the same period, Fienberg Fisher K-8 Center increased its inclusion rate by 10% to garner an inclusion rate of 66% and Ruben Dario Middle School increased its inclusion rate by 40% over the past year to 67%; and

WHEREAS, the panel has selected Devon Aire K-8 Center, Fienberg Fisher K-8 Center and Ruben Dario Middle School and as this year's recipients of the 2017-2018 Superintendent's District Advisory Panel for Students with Disabilities Inclusion Achievement Award.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No.17-112 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Devon Aire K-8 Center, Ruben Dario Middle School and Fienberg Fisher K-8 Center as the recipients of the 2017-2018 Superintendent's District Advisory Panel for Students with Disabilities Inclusion Achievement Award.

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

Presented this sixth day of December, A.D. 2017

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary