

Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 18-009 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE 2017-19 NATIONAL PTA SCHOOLS OF EXCELLENCE**

**COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, INNOVATION, EVALUATION, & TECHNOLOGY**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: SAFE, HEALTHY AND SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT**

The National Parent Teacher Association (PTA) School of Excellence is a recognition program that supports and celebrates partnerships between PTAs and schools to enrich the educational experience and overall well-being for all students. The program was developed by the National PTA to support research concluding there is a positive and convincing relationship between family involvement and student success. The Schools of Excellence Program measures six principles: Welcoming Families, Communicating Effectively, Supporting Student Success, Speaking Up for Every Child, Sharing Power, and Community Collaboration.

The application process spans fifteen months, during which time the PTA/PTSA board members deploy two surveys to their school community, create action plans to implement effective strategies for family engagement, and write a narrative explaining why their PTA/PTSA should be awarded this honor. In addition to achieving high levels on the six principles listed above, the schools must select a Shared Objective in either improving family engagement in education, ensuring students' health and safety, or supporting arts in education. The Shared Objective provides a focus for the schools and the PTA/PTSAs efforts to engage families and build a stronger family-school partnership. The PTA/PTSAs work closely with their school administrators to implement effective strategies and then measure the outcomes to determine their success.

The Miami-Dade County Council PTA/PTSA reports that six Miami-Dade County Public Schools earned this prestigious recognition for 2017 – 2019: Highland Oaks Middle School PTSA, Key Biscayne Community School PTA, MAST Academy PTSA – Virginia Key, Palmetto Elementary School PTA, Southside Elementary Museums Magnet School PTA, and Virginia A. Boone Highland Oaks Elementary School PTA. These six PTA/PTSAs and their school administrators are to be for dedicating their time and talents to improve family-school partnerships and for being recognized as national leaders in family engagement.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**DR. LAWRENCE S. FELDMAN:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 18-009 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the 2017-19 National PTA Schools of Excellence.

**RESOLUTION NO. 18-009  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING THE 2017-19 NATIONAL PTA SCHOOLS OF EXCELLENCE**

**WHEREAS**, The National Parent Teacher Association (PTA) School of Excellence is a recognition program that supports and celebrates partnerships between PTAs and schools to enrich the educational experience and overall well-being for all students. The program was developed by the National PTA to support research concluding there is a positive and convincing relationship between family involvement and student success; and

**WHEREAS**, The Schools of Excellence Program measures six principles: Welcoming Families, Communicating Effectively, Supporting Student Success, Speaking Up for Every Child, Sharing Power, and Community Collaboration; and

**WHEREAS**, the application process spans fifteen months, during which time the PTA/PTSA board members deploy two surveys to their school community, create action plans to implement effective strategies for family engagement, and write a narrative explaining why their PTA/PTSA should be awarded this honor; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to achieving high levels on the six principles listed above, the schools must select a Shared Objective in either improving family engagement in education, ensuring students' health and safety, or supporting arts in education. The Shared Objective provides a focus for the schools and the PTA/PTSA's efforts to engage families and build a stronger family-school partnership. The PTA/PTSA's work closely with their school administrators to implement effective strategies and then measure the outcomes to determine their success; and

**WHEREAS**, The Miami-Dade County Council PTA/PTSA reports six Miami-Dade County Public Schools earned this prestigious recognition for 2017 – 2019: Highland Oaks Middle School PTSA, Key Biscayne Community School PTA, MAST Academy PTSA – Virginia Key, Palmetto Elementary School PTA, Southside Elementary Museums Magnet School PTA, and Virginia A. Boone Highland Oaks Elementary School PTA. These six PTA/PTSA's and their school administrators are to be for dedicating their time and talents to improve family-school partnerships and for being recognized as national leaders in family engagement.

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 18-009 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the 2017-19 National PTA Schools of Excellence: Highland Oaks Middle School PTSA, Key Biscayne Community School PTA, MAST Academy PTSA – Virginia Key, Palmetto Elementary School PTA, Southside Elementary Museums Magnet School PTA, and Virginia A. Boone Highland Oaks Elementary School PTA.

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

**Presented this twenty-first day of February, A.D. 2018**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary