

Ms. Lubby Navarro, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 18-060 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING ANTHONY DAMATO**

**COMMITTEE: FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS**

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Anthony Damato began his business career in New York at the age of 18 as a business owner of a contracting company. He then became Director of Operations for KB Electronics and 17 years later, Mr. Damato moved into the auto industry. Mr. Damato has received numerous accolades. He is a three time recipient of the prestigious STARS from Toyota Motor Corp as a Top 14 Sales Professional. He is the first person ever to receive this award their first year in the car business. Additionally, he is a Toyota Top 10 PRO and a five year winner of the Toyota Sales Society Platinum Award.

Mr. Damato is an active member of the community contributing to various organizations throughout Miami-Dade County. He is a partner with Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS), where each year, he provides a 3 year lease for M-DCPS' Principal of The Year and AFSCME Support Personnel of the Year. Additionally, his VIP Toyota Sale program provided M-DCPS employees, family and friends the opportunity to support education and he has donated over \$300 to teacher's classrooms and \$200 the Foundation for New Education Initiatives.

Additionally, Mr. Damato established a program which gives a Toyota customer an employee pricing, and a \$500 donation to a charity, school, or other non-governmental organization (NGO). To date, the program has donated over \$200,000 to various schools, churches, charities, and NGO's. Also, when Hurricane Irma devastated our neighboring communities, Mr. Damato purchased food and drinks, and also cooked for hundreds of residents of the keys in the highly impacted areas. Moreover, Mr. Damato is part of the M-DCPS "Angel Patrol", a small list of caring community members who step up to the plate when there is a child or school in need. For example, currently, Mr. Damato is assisting an unaccompanied homeless teen, who attends the University of Miami.

Mr. Damato is to be commended for his support to Miami-Dade County Public Schools and to our community.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
MS. LUBBY NAVARRO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 18-060 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Anthony Damato.