

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair

SUBJECT: SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION OF SIXTEEN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS IDENTIFIED BY THE NATIONAL ACADEMY FOUNDATION (NAF) NETWORK FOR DISTINGUISHED ACADEMIES, AND THE DR. RONALD P. SIMPSON MAGNET SCHOOL OF MERIT AWARD OF EXCELLENCE PRESENTED TO MIAMI LAKES EDUCATIONAL CENTER BY MAGNET SCHOOLS OF AMERICA

COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, INNOVATION, EVALUATION, & TECHNOLOGY

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: RELEVANT, RIGOROUS AND INNOVATIVE ACADEMICS

Each year, the National Academy Foundation conducts assessments to measure the strengths and challenges of academies in implementing NAF’s results-driven educational design to prepare students for college and career. Academies reach the quality level of “Model” based on their Academy Assessment and Quality Evaluation site visit results. A subset of those academies—which achieve additional thresholds are recognized as “Distinguished”.

This year, 88 academies across the nation were identified by the NAF Network as Distinguished Academies. Twenty-one of those 88 academies belong to Miami-Dade County Public Schools, more than any other school district in the nation. This reflects incalculable honor on the students, teachers, and administrators of each academy, and instills pride in the hearts and minds of Miami-Dade County’s residents.

The M-DCPS/Distinguished NAF Academies for 2019 are:

Alonzo and Tracy Mourning Senior High School	Hospitality & Tourism
Barbara Goleman Senior High School	Information Technology
Coral Gables Senior High School	Finance
Coral Reef High School	Finance
G. Holmes Braddock Senior High School	Information Technology
Hialeah Gardens High School	Engineering
	Finance
	Health Sciences
	Hospitality & Tourism
	Information Technology

Miami Beach Senior High School	Hospitality & Tourism
Miami Central Senior High School	Information Technology
Miami Edison Senior High School	Finance
Miami Lakes Educational Center & Technology College	Health Sciences
	Information Technology
Miami Springs Senior High School	Hospitality & Tourism
Miami Sunset Senior High School	Hospitality & Tourism
Southwest Miami Senior High School	Finance
William H. Turner Technical Arts High School	Information Technology

One hundred additional academies were identified as Model level by NAF, and ten of those academies are located in M-DCPS. Distinguished and Model academies will be recognized at the NAF professional development conference, July 8-10, 2019 in Detroit.

For the first time in this school district's history, a school has been honored with the most prestigious award in the nation for magnet schools. Miami Lakes Educational Center was awarded the Dr. Ronald P. Simpson Magnet School of Merit Award of Excellence for the highest commitment to diversity, academic excellence, and curriculum innovation. This award, which was presented at the 37th National Conference on Magnet School in Baltimore, Maryland, includes a \$5,000 cash award for the school.

This item does not appear in the published Agenda. There exists good cause to vary from the published Agenda in order to timely and properly honor the recipients of the recognition.

This item has been reviewed and approved as to form and legal sufficiency by the School Board Attorney.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY CHAIR
PERLA TABARES HANTMAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognize sixteen Miami-Dade County Public Schools identified by the National Academy Foundation (NAF) Network for distinguished model academies, and Miami Lakes Educational Center for being the first school in our School District's history to receive the Dr. Ronald P. Simpson Magnet School of Merit Award of Excellence, the most prestigious award granted by Magnet Schools of America.