

Ms. Maria Teresa Rojas, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 19-063 OF THE
 SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
 RECOGNIZING J. L. "BUCK" MARTINEZ**

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
BLUEPRINT: HIGHLY EFFECTIVE TEACHERS, LEADERS AND STAFF**

J. L. "Buck" Martinez is the President of the ACE Leadership Group, a company dedicated to inspiring and developing men and women to achieve their highest potential. Through the ACE Leadership Group, Mr. Martinez focuses on developing the character, honor, and integrity of his clients. Mr. Martinez is passionate about working with organizations to develop their executive team. He serves as life coach and executive coach to individuals in many different roles from corporate executives to professional athletes.

Throughout his 30 plus years as an executive in the energy industry, Mr. Martinez helped mentor numerous employees and served on multiple boards throughout the state. He also serves as President and Co-Founder of a not-for-profit organization, Student ACES, dedicated to working with student athletes on leadership and values. He is very enthusiastic about investing in our youth and works countless hours serving in the capacity of teacher, mentor, and coach. Since he co-founded Student ACES with his daughter, Mr. Martinez has trained over 25,000 student athletes throughout South Florida.

Mr. Martinez retired from Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) in 2016, one of the nation's leading electric utilities, where he worked for 35 years. At FPL, Mr. Martinez was responsible for identifying and originating clean energy opportunities in the state to promote visibility, commitment, and economic development.

Mr. Martinez holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from St. Thomas University and a Master's in Business Administration from Nova Southeast University. In addition, he is a graduate of the Boston University Leadership Program, the Harvard University Program on Negotiation, and the Lifeworks Leadership Program. Mr. Martinez is a member of the St. Thomas University Hall of Fame.

Mr. Martinez is the past chairman of the Florida Solar Energy Center and also serves on other advisory boards throughout the state, most notably The Florida Energy Systems Consortium, The St. Thomas University President's Advisory Board, and The Keiser University Advisory Board.

Mr. Martinez has authored four books, "Building Blocks of Leadership for Young Adults," "The Captain's Leadership Playbook," "Straight Talk" and "Man Up, Leading a Life of Honor." In the fourth quarter of 2019, Mr. Martinez will be releasing his new book, "Seven Steps for Success," a guide for men and women to become responsible and dependable persons of honor, character, and integrity. He also serves as an adjunct professor at Keiser University and is a frequent speaker at conferences, schools, and leadership forums.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. MARIA TERESA ROJAS:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 19-063 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing J. L. "Buck" Martinez.

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-063
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING J. L. "BUCK" MARTINEZ**

WHEREAS, J. L. "Buck" Martinez is the President of the ACE Leadership Group, a company dedicated to inspiring and developing men and women to achieve their highest potential;

WHEREAS, through the ACE Leadership Group, Mr. Martinez focuses on developing the character, honor, and integrity of his clients. Mr. Martinez is passionate about working with organizations to develop their executive team;

WHEREAS, throughout his 30 plus years as an executive in the energy industry, Mr. Martinez helped mentor numerous employees and served on multiple boards throughout the state. He also serves as President and Co-Founder of a not-for-profit organization, Student ACES, dedicated to working with student athletes on leadership and values;

WHEREAS, Mr. Martinez is very enthusiastic about investing in our youth and works countless hours serving in the capacity of teacher, mentor, and coach. Since he co-founded Student ACES with his daughter, he has trained over 25,000 student athletes throughout South Florida;

WHEREAS, Mr. Martinez retired from Florida Power & Light Company (FPL) in 2016, where he worked for 35 years. At FPL, Mr. Martinez was responsible for identifying and originating clean energy opportunities in the state to promote visibility, commitment, and economic development;

WHEREAS, Mr. Martinez holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from St. Thomas University and a Master's degree in Business Administration from Nova Southeast University. In addition, he is a graduate of the Boston University Leadership Program, the Harvard University Program on Negotiation, and the Lifeworks Leadership Program. Mr. Martinez is a member of the St. Thomas University Hall of Fame;

WHEREAS, Mr. Martinez is the past chairman of the Florida Solar Energy Center and serves on other advisory boards throughout the state, notably, The Florida Energy Systems Consortium, The St. Thomas University President's Advisory Board, and The Keiser University Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Martinez has authored four books, "Building Blocks of Leadership for Young Adults," "The Captain's Leadership Playbook," "Straight Talk" and "Man Up, Leading a Life of Honor."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 19-063 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing J. L. "Buck" Martinez.

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

Presented this eleventh day of December, A. D. 2019

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary