

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair

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**SUBJECT: THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, JOIN IN RECOGNIZING ASSISTANT SCHOOL BOARD ATTORNEY CRISTINA RIVERA CORREA FOR HER APPOINTMENT TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COURT JUDGE**

**COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

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Assistant School Board Attorney Cristina Rivera Correa joined the School Board Attorney's Office in May of 2013 as a general litigation attorney. A talented litigator, Ms. Rivera Correa quickly expanded her practice from tort litigation to employment and personnel matters at the administrative, state, and federal levels.

Prior to joining the Miami-Dade County School Board, Ms. Rivera Correa served as an Assistant State Attorney at the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office, prosecuting misdemeanor and felony cases. This law enforcement experience enabled Ms. Rivera Correa to serve as the SBAO's liaison with the Miami-Dade County Public Schools Police, providing FDLE certification training on legal issues.

A graduate of University of Florida and FIU College of Law, Ms. Rivera Correa was selected to deliver the commencement speech on behalf of the student body at her law school graduation. From its beginning, Ms. Rivera Correa's career has had the trajectory of a dedicated and passionate legal professional.

On June 24, 2020, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis appointed Ms. Rivera Correa to the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida for Miami-Dade County, County Court. With this appointment, Ms. Rivera Correa became the first female Florida International University law graduate to earn this honorable distinction as a gubernatorial appointment, in addition to being the first Assistant School Board Attorney to serve on the bench.

A native of Miami and former MDCPS student, Ms. Rivera Correa is a committed public servant who is honored to serve the community that saw her grow and gave her family refuge after fleeing communist Cuba in the pursuit of freedom. Ms. Rivera Correa is married to Mr. Nicolas Correa. She and her husband are the proud parents of three children, a four-year-old girl and one-year-old twins – boy and girl. Ms. Rivera Correa and her family reside in Miami-Dade County.

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

**ACTION PROPOSED BY CHAIR**

**MS. PERLA TABARES HANTMAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, join in recognizing Assistant School Board Attorney Cristina Rivera Correa for her appointment to Miami-Dade County Court Judge.