

Dr. Lawrence Feldman, Board Member

**SUBJECT: THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, JOIN IN RECOGNIZING MR. RAUL CALZADILLA & MR. THOMAS ENNIS ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR RETIREMENT AFTER YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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

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

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) is fortunate to count amongst its workforce the most talented and transformational educational leaders in the nation. Many of these leaders serve capably as Principals at school campuses throughout the county and work arduously to ensure educational opportunities and access are afforded to their students and school communities. Two such leaders have honorably served their school communities within District 9 and have succeeded in successfully cultivating school cultures that support high expectations and a nurturing environment for all students. In fact, their respective leadership has helped to solidify the stellar reputations of their schools, both offering successful magnet programs generating substantial interest each year.

Mr. Raul Calzadilla retires this year after 34 years of service to Miami-Dade County Public Schools. 15 of his years were spent in service to Air Base K-8 Center. Upon graduating from high school in 1976, Raúl enrolled at Miami-Dade College and completed his teaching degree at Florida International University (FIU) with a B.A. in Elementary Education, followed later by a Masters in Elementary Education from Nova Southeastern University and a Graduate Certificate in Educational Leadership from FIU. Since his arrival at Air Base K-8, the school has had significant achievements. In 1996 the school was recognized as a National Magnet School of Merit, offering an international program with a focus on language immersion.

Mr. Thomas Ennis has been a part of the Miami-Dade County Public School system both as a teacher and administrator during his educational career. Mr. Ennis graduated from Western Kentucky University with a B.S. in Education, followed by a Masters of Science in Sports Management, and Educational Leadership Certification from Nova Southeastern University. Ennis has served as principal at Miami Killian High School, Miami Springs High School, and Cutler Ridge Middle School. Mr. Ennis has served as the Principal of Coral Reef Senior High since 2015. The school, with more than 3,400 students, is known as Miami's "Mega- Magnet."

These two outstanding educators are to be commended for their commitment and dedication to excellence on behalf of the students and families of M-DCPS.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
DR. LAWRENCE S. FELDMAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, join in recognizing Principals Raul Calzadilla and Thomas Ennis on the occasion of their retirement after years of exemplary service to Miami-Dade County Public Schools.