

Ms. Lucia Baez-Geller, School Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 22-032 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING MS. MAGGIE VIDAL- SANTOS FOR HER YEARS OF SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, INNOVATION, EVALUATION & TECHNOLOGY**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC**

**PLAN: INFORMED, ENGAGED, & EMPOWERED STAKEHOLDERS**

Ms. Maggie Vidal-Santos has been a dedicated educator for over 35 years. As an art teacher at Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center, she has served her students and her community with great passion. Her work has been recognized locally and nationally, and she continues to inspire the community through art.

Ms. Vidal-Santos believes that all her students come with different backgrounds, interests, and experiences, and she uses those differences to influence their artwork. She also engages her students in problem solving and critical thinking activities to introduce new and creative ways of learning. This is reflected in the various pieces she has produced with her students throughout the years.

Ms. Vidal-Santos, in collaboration with her students, has initiated and led multiple projects that have made an enormous impact within the community. In 2018, she led a sculpture project, “#NeverAgain”, that represented the lives lost at the Marjorie Stoneman Douglas High School shooting and was gifted to the school as a gesture of healing. In 2016, she led the “Never Forget” mural as a tribute to the events of September 11, 2001. She also initiated a sculpture project named “Connected to the Core”, which symbolizes education and represents each of the schools in the feeder pattern.

Ms. Vidal-Santos has been presented with numerous designations and awards in recognition of her commitment to excellence in education. In 2019, she was given the National Southeastern Region Middle Level Art Educator Award at the national conference. In 2018, she was the State Recipient of the Florida Art Educators Association’s Middle School Art Educator Award, as well as the recipient of Un Maestro Especial Award. In 2017, she was awarded the Skevy Ralis Art Education Middle School Award of Honor. She was also a finalist for the Elaine Weisburd Teacher Excellence in Education Award.

Ms. Maggie Vidal-Santos is to be commended for her years of service and commitment to Miami-Dade County Public Schools and for her tireless dedication to her community.

**GOOD CAUSE  
B-5**

This item does not appear in the regular published agenda. There is good cause to vary from the published agenda in order to timely and properly recognize the outstanding achievements of Ms. Maggie Vidal-Santos.

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

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
MS. LUCIA BAEZ-GELLER:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 22-032 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Ms. Maggie Vidal-Santos for her years of service and dedication to Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 22-032  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING MS. MAGGIE VIDAL- SANTOS FOR HER YEARS OF SERVICE AND  
DEDICATION TO MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Maggie Vidal-Santos has been a dedicated educator for over 30 years. As an art teacher at Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor K-8 Center, she has served her students and her community with great passion. Her work has been recognized locally and nationally, and she continues to inspire the community through art; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Vidal-Santos believes that all her students come with different backgrounds, interests and experiences, and she uses those differences to influence their artwork. She also engages her students in problem solving and critical thinking activities to introduce new and creative ways of learning. This is reflected in the various pieces she has produced with her students throughout the years; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Vidal-Santos, in collaboration with her students, has initiated and led multiple projects that have made an enormous impact within the community. In 2018, she led a sculpture project, “#NeverAgain”, that represented the lives lost at the Marjorie Stoneman Douglas High School shooting and was gifted to the school as a gesture of healing. In 2016, she led the “Never Forget” mural as a tribute to the events of September 11, 2001. She also initiated a sculpture project named “Connected to the Core”, which symbolizes education and represents each of the schools in the feeder pattern; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Vidal-Santos has been presented with numerous designations and awards in recognition of her commitment to excellence in education. In 2019, she was given the National Southeastern Region Middle Level Art Educator Award at the national conference. In 2018, she was the State Recipient of the Florida Art Educators Association’s Middle School Art Educator Award, as well as the recipient of Un Maestro Especial Award. In 2017, she was awarded the Skeyv Ralis Art Education Middle School Award of Honor. She was also a finalist for the Elaine Weisburd Teacher Excellence in Education Award; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Maggie Vidal-Santos is to be commended for her years of service and commitment to Miami-Dade County Public Schools and for her tireless dedication to her community;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 22-032 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Ms. Maggie Vidal-Santos for her years of service and dedication to Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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

**Presented this twenty second day of June, A.D. 2022**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary