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**SUBJECT:                      REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 22-032 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING PRINCIPAL PATRICIA FAIRCLOUGH AND THE PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION (PTA) OF GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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

**LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN:                                      INFORMED, ENGAGED, & EMPOWERED STAKEHOLDERS**

Principal Patricia Fairclough and the parents of George Washington Carver Elementary School (Little Carver) were honored by the Miami-Dade County PTA for their outstanding leadership and commitment to making a more inclusive school and advocating for the rights of children at the historic Coral Gables school. At the awards ceremony, Little Carver swept in all three categories for which the school was a finalist.

The George Washington Carver Elementary PTA constantly strives to support the school, the students, and the school family community. The PTA has a very engaged group of parents who are committed to the school and to Principal Fairclough. Little Carver is a great example of how change can occur when people come together and work as a team.

Ms. Fairclough received the prestigious Principal’s Award and for the second year in a row, Little Carver won the PTA’s “Legislative/Advocacy” award for its ongoing challenge to a WAWA gas station being built 300 feet from the school. The Advocacy award also recognized Little Carver’s campaign to improve the quality and secure additional funding for its Spanish language magnet program.

Little Carver was also honored with the “Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion” award for its ongoing efforts to foster a more inclusive learning environment. New this school year, was an annual “Founder’s Day” held January 2022, to commemorate the local Bahamian residents who helped established this wonderful educational institution, Miami-Dade County’s first school for African Americans in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, proudly honors Principal Patricia Fairclough and the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) of George Washington Carver Elementary School.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**MS. MARIA TERESA ROJAS:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 22-032 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Principal Patricia Fairclough and the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) of George Washington Carver Elementary School.

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-032 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING PRINCIPAL PATRICIA FAIRCLOUTH AND THE PARENT TEACHER  
ASSOCIATION (PTA) OF GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**WHEREAS**, Principal Patricia Fairclough and the parents of George Washington Carver Elementary School (Little Carver) were honored by the Miami-Dade County PTA for their outstanding leadership and commitment to making a more inclusive school and advocating for the rights of children at the historic Coral Gables school;

**WHEREAS**, At the awards ceremony, Little Carver swept in all three categories for which the school was a finalist;

**WHEREAS**, the George Washington Carver Elementary PTA constantly strives to support the school, the students, and the school community;

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Fairclough received the prestigious Principal's Award and for the second year in a row, Little Carver won the PTA's "Legislative/Advocacy" award;

**WHEREAS**, the Advocacy award also recognized Little Carver's campaign to improve the quality and secure additional funding for its Spanish language magnet program;

**WHEREAS**, Little Carver was also honored with the "Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion" award for its ongoing efforts to foster a more inclusive learning environment; and

**WHEREAS**, new this school year, Little Carver celebrated "Founder's Day" held January 2022, to commemorate the local Bahamian residents who helped established this wonderful educational institution, Miami-Dade County's first school for African Americans in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

**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 Principal Patricia Fairclough and the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) of George Washington Carver Elementary School.

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

**Presented this twentieth day of July, A. D. 2022**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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