

Dr. Lubby Navarro, Board Member

SUBJECT: STATE OF FLORIDA RECOGNITION PROGRAM FUNDING

COMMITTEE: FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN: EFFECTIVE & SUSTAINABLE OPERATIONAL PRACTICES

On Monday, October 17, 2022, Governor Ron DeSantis announced the award of \$200 million in School Recognition funds. Florida's School Recognition Program recognizes the high quality of our public schools and is intended to provide greater autonomy and financial awards to schools that demonstrate sustained or significantly improved student performance.

This year, schools within Miami-Dade County were at risk of not being eligible for these funds as a result of language in HB 5003. However, Governor DeSantis determined that our high achieving schools should not be excluded from receiving these awards. On June 2, 2022, Governor DeSantis directed Commissioner of Education Manny Diaz to implement the School Recognition Program in a manner consistent with existing statute.

We are proud that here in Miami-Dade County there were 190 M-DCPS schools and 89 charter schools which demonstrated student growth and teaching excellence in the 2021-22 school year and will therefore receive a total of \$34,858,952 in School Recognition funds. Miami-Dade County Public Schools is grateful to the Executive Office of the Governor and the Commissioner of Education for recognizing and supporting the outstanding effort and performance of educators within our public schools.

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

ACTION PROPOSED BY SCHOOL

BOARD MEMBER DR. LUBBY NAVARRO: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognize and celebrate those schools receiving 2022-23 Florida School Recognition Program Awards as authorized by Governor Ron DeSantis.