

Mr. Danny Espino, Vice-Chair

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 23-009 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING MS. CHRISTI FRAGA, MAYOR OF CITY OF DORAL AND FORMER MIAMI-DADE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

LINK TO STRATEGIC

PLAN: HIGHLY EFFECTIVE TEACHERS, LEADERS, & STAFF

School Board Members represent and serve diverse communities, comprised of students, parents, teachers, staff, community leaders, business partners and other stakeholders. To maximize the educational opportunities for, and the mental, physical, emotional, and psychological wellness of our students, School Board Members collaborate with a variety of members of their district communities. Increasingly, collaborating with local government leaders creates new opportunities to leverage the strengths of cities and/or Miami-Dade County and those of Miami-Dade County Public Schools, resulting in high impact community solutions. The newly elected Mayor of the City of Doral, Christi Fraga, is a highly-effective and impactful community leader that will continue to be a strong community partner for the benefit of our students.

Mrs. Christi Fraga, former Miami-Dade County School Board Member, served District 5 from 2020 to 2022, with honor, commitment, dedication, and distinction leaving her mark on the community, the many schools she served, their students and hundreds of families in District 5. She is a true passionate public servant with a commitment to education in the community she serves. During her tenure on the School Board, Mrs. Christi Fraga recommended improvements and voted on the oversight of a \$7 Billion budget. She was appointed to represent the board on the Miami-Dade Value Adjustment Board and served as the Vice Chair to the School Board Fiscal Accountability & Government Relations Committee as well as the Facilities Committee. She also served as alternate on the Board's Audit and Budget Advisory Committee and Treasury Advisory Committee. As a School Board Member, and a mom to Gabriel Jr., a 1st grader in Miami Dade Public Schools, Christi's initiatives focused on: enhanced parent involvement and choice, improved public education options, increased resources for students with special needs, financial literacy in schools, the recognition, proclamation of the first National Day of Prayer in Schools and an emphasizes on the importance of mental health and social emotional learning curriculum.

In December of 2022, Christi Fraga made history as the first woman ever elected to serve as Mayor of the City of Doral. Mayor Fraga's career in public service first started in 2012, when she was elected as the youngest person in the City of Doral's history to serve on the City Council. During her tenure, she concentrated her efforts on empowering the youth, women, the elderly, and the special needs community. She also undertook strong efforts to improve traffic, education, and small businesses support.

Mayor Fraga holds an associate degree in Business Administration from Miami-Dade College (MDC), as well as a bachelor's degree in Finance Management and Accounting from Florida International University (FIU). In 2014, she earned a sixty-hour certificate from the University of Miami's Good Government Initiative Leaders in Excellence Program, which is designed to cultivate ethical and leadership abilities in elected officials. These accomplishments have contributed to her strong foundation and ability to thrive, but also served to inspire her to embark on various entrepreneurial ventures, including several successful businesses based within Doral.

Mayor Fraga currently serves as a member in the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization (TPO). With more than a decade in public service and elected leadership, Mayor Fraga brings to the City of Doral years of experience and passion for working on behalf of the community. Mayor Fraga is determined that her hard work, dedication, and spirit of collaboration will ensure a bright and bold future for the families of Doral and that her stewardship will continue to make a positive impact for years to come.

Therefore, the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, proudly honors Mrs. Christi Fraga former colleague, and friend, for serving the students, the parents, and the district's workforce, not only in District 5, but also in the entire Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MR. DANNY ESPINO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 23-009 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honor and recognize Ms. Christi Fraga, Mayor of the City of Doral and Former Miami-Dade County School Board Member

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-009 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING MS. CHRISTI FRAGA, MAYOR OF CITY OF DORAL AND FORMER MIAMI-DADE
COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER**

WHEREAS, Mrs. Christi Fraga, former Miami-Dade County School Board Member, served District 5 from 2020 to 2022, with honor, commitment, dedication, and distinction;

WHEREAS, Mrs. Christi Fraga worked with her colleagues on the board, the superintendent, families, and other citizens to improve the education of Miami-Dade County making decisions that impact students, parents, teachers, and the entire workforce of the school district in a positive way;

WHEREAS, Mrs. Christi Fraga's initiatives focused on: enhanced parent involvement and choice, improved public education options, increased resources for students with special needs, financial literacy in schools, the recognition and proclamation of the first National Day of Prayer in Schools and an emphasizes on the importance of mental health and social emotional learning curriculum.

WHEREAS, in December of 2022, Christi Fraga made history as the first woman ever elected to serve as Mayor of the City of Doral, shattering a glass ceiling in the City of Doral and Miami-Dade County;

WHEREAS, with more than a decade in public service and elected leadership, Mayor Fraga is a home-grown leader, bringing to bear years of experience and passion for the betterment of the community;

WHEREAS, through hard work, dedication, and collaboration, Mayor Fraga is committed to working toward a bright and bold future for the families of Doral and that her stewardship will continue to make a positive impact for years to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No.23-009 of the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing and honoring Mayor Christi Fraga, former Miami-Dade County School Board Member, for her dedication to education and District 5 and her service to the community.

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

Presented this fifteenth day of February, A.D. 2023.

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR

ATTEST

Secretary