

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 23-010 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING MS. FRANQUIANA WILLIAMS AS MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2023 ROOKIE TEACHER OF THE YEAR

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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

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Ms. Franquiana Williams began her career as a teacher in Miami-Dade County Public Schools in 2021. She is a 4th and 5th grade Language Arts teacher at Frederick Douglass Elementary School. As a rookie teacher, Ms. Williams works diligently to hone her professional skills to help her students achieve their academic goals, while opening their minds and touching their hearts. She is a dedicated, passionate, and innovative educator whose talents far exceed her years of experience.

Ms. Williams is an outstanding member of her school community, earning her the Award of Excellence from the school. She leads the school's journalism club and works as a leader in the T. A. L. E. N. T. S. afterschool program. She even plays an instrumental role in the upkeep of the school.

Ms. Williams' life is full of accomplishments that go beyond the walls of her school site. She is one of twelve children and the first one to graduate from high school, college, and a graduate program. She is an active member of her local community. She volunteers her Saturdays to conduct prayer walks in the neighborhood of Overtown.

In her emerging career, Ms. Williams has partaken in various professional associations and programs, including acquiring the MINT 2.0 professional certification and memberships with Teach for America 2021 Corps and AmeriCorps 2021. She holds a bachelor's degree in Political Science and Criminology from Florida State University and a master's degree in Educational Studies from Johns Hopkins University.

We take great pleasure in presenting this proclamation to Ms. Franquiana Williams for being named Miami-Dade County Public Schools Rookie Teacher of the Year and demonstrating professional gains, leadership, and dedication to her students.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS-MINDINGALL:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 23-010 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Ms. Franquiana Williams as Miami-Dade County Public Schools 2023 Rookie Teacher of the Year.

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-010
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING MS. FRANQUIANA WILLIAMS AS MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC
SCHOOLS 2023 ROOKIE TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 23-010 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Ms. Franquiana Williams as Miami-Dade County Public Schools 2023 Rookie Teacher of the Year.

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