

Ms. Maria Teresa Rojas, Chair

SUBJECT: **REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 23-045 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE DANIEL "DANNY" PEREZ**

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

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

Florida House of Representative Daniel "Danny" Perez, originally from New York City, NY, moved to Florida with his family in 1993 when he was six years old. They settled in the densely vibrant and cultural suburb of Westchester in Miami-Dade County which Daniel Perez represents today in Florida House District 116. His deep roots in the district help drive his dedication to giving back and tirelessly serving his constituents in District 116.

Representative Perez is active in the Westchester and Miami-Dade community through his participation in the BLUE Mission Group, the Christopher Columbus High School Alumni Board, the Kiwanis of Little Havana, and as a Board Member of the Epilepsy Foundation of Florida.

Dedicated to serving his fellow Floridians, Representative Perez was first elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2017 to fill a vacant seat. During his time in office, he has been instrumental in championing key legislation pertaining to education, child welfare, healthcare, family stability, and election integrity.

During his first legislative session in 2018, Representative Perez sponsored and successfully passed House Bill 1435 on child welfare, more specifically the bill established family finding programs to assist efforts in finding family members or close adults for children removed from their homes; authorized the establishment of a kinship navigator program to assist relatives and non-relatives with services and resources; and clarified changes to daycare or early childhood education requirements for children from birth to school age in foster care. Because of his child welfare efforts, Representative Perez was honored with the Children's Home Society of Florida 2018 Legislator of the Year.

Representative Perez has served as the former Florida House of Representative Chair of the Judiciary Committee, Pandemic and Public Emergencies Committee, and Public Integrity and Elections Committee. He currently serves as the Chairman of the Rules Committee and is also a member of the Appropriations Committee which oversees the budget for the State of Florida.

Representative Perez has been a long-standing supporter of K-12 schools, including fighting for funding needed to educate our future leaders. K-12 will always be a priority for Florida. This means advocating for better technology and public school teachers. Representative Perez also has a passion for Florida's college and university systems, specifically a passion for higher education and workforce training for students with disabilities. He has continued to advocate for these programs as a means to fill workforce gaps while investing in those individuals that will become the fabric of tomorrow in our state. He has championed education funding and this past legislative session \$252.8 million was allocated for classroom teachers and other instructional personnel salary increases. The Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) funding formula received an increase of \$404.67 (4.91%) for a total of \$8,648.1, per student.

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As a result of his steadfast commitment and unwavering leadership as a House Representative, Daniel Perez was appointed Speaker of the Florida House and will gavel in from 2024 through 2026. As Speaker, he seeks to tackle critical issues pertaining to education, healthcare, infrastructure, affordable housing, and property insurance, while staying true to being the voice of his constituents in Tallahassee.

Representative Perez received a Bachelor's Degree at Florida State University in 2009 and a Juris Doctorate Degree at Loyola University New Orleans College of Law in 2012. He is a devoted family man married to Stephanie Ann Perez and his children Camila Lucia and Matias Daniel.

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, proudly honors and recognizes Florida State Representative and future House Speaker Daniel "Danny" Perez for his contributions to the citizens of Westchester and Miami-Dade County.

ACTION PROPOSED BY CHAIR

MS. MARIA TERESA ROJAS:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 23-045 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Florida House of Representative Daniel "Danny" Perez.

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-045 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING FLORIDA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVE DANIEL “DANNY” PEREZ**

WHEREAS, Florida House of Representative Daniel Perez represents Florida House District 116. His deep roots in the district help drive his dedication to giving back and tirelessly serving his constituents in the Westchester community in Miami-Dade County;

WHEREAS, giving back to the community, Representative Perez actively participates in the BLUE Mission Group, the Christopher Columbus High School Alumni Board, the Kiwanis of Little Havana, and as a Board Member of the Epilepsy Foundation of Florida;

WHEREAS, during his time in office, he has been instrumental in championing key legislation pertaining to education, child welfare, healthcare, family stability, and election integrity. He has been a long-standing supporter of K-12 schools, including fighting for funding needed to educate Florida's future leaders;

WHEREAS, Representative Perez has served as the former Florida House of Representative Chair of the Judiciary Committee, Pandemic and Public Emergencies Committee, and Public Integrity and Elections Committee. He currently serves as the Chairman of the Rules Committee and is also a member of the Appropriations Committee which oversees the budget for the State of Florida;

WHEREAS, Daniel Perez was appointed Speaker of the Florida House and will gavel in from 2024 through 2026. As Speaker, he seeks to tackle critical issues pertaining to education, healthcare, infrastructure, affordable housing, and property insurance; and

WHEREAS, Representative Perez received a Bachelor's Degree at Florida State University in 2009 and a Juris Doctorate Degree at Loyola University New Orleans College of Law in 2012. He is a devoted family man married to Stephanie Ann Perez and his children Camila Lucia and Matias Daniel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution NO. 23-045 of the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Florida House of Representative Daniel “Danny” Perez

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

Presented this sixth day of September, A. D. 2023

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary