

Ms. Maria Teresa Rojas, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 17-032 OF
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING MS. ANNIE FARRELL, OF CORAL GABLES
SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL, FLORIDA HIGH SCHOOL WINNER
OF THE PRUDENTIAL FINANCIAL 2017 SPIRIT OF
COMMUNITY AWARD**

**COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS AND
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
BLUEPRINT: INFORMED, ENGAGED, AND EMPOWERED
STAKEHOLDERS**

The 2017 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, conducted by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), is a nationwide program honoring young people for outstanding acts of volunteerism. Since its inception in 1995, more than 115,000 young volunteers have been honored at the local, state, and national level. Each year, Prudential selects two students from each state, one from the middle school level and one from high school, to receive the award. Honorees are selected based on criteria that includes: personal initiative, effort, impact, and personal growth.

Ms. Annie Farrell, a senior at Coral Gables Senior High School, was recently named Florida's high school winner for the 2017 Prudential Spirit of Community Award. Annie was recognized for her volunteer work with Casa Valentina, a non-profit that houses and assists young people who have aged out of the foster care system. Her project centered on organizing college preparation workshops for the residents. The workshops assisted the students in navigating the complex, and often overwhelming, college application process. Working tirelessly toward her goal of helping the students of Casa Valentina, Annie marshaled all the resources necessary to make her project a reality.

Ms. Farrell is to be commended for her dedication and commitment to service.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. MARIA TERESA ROJAS:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No.17-032 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Ms. Annie Farrell, of Coral Gables Senior High School, Florida high school winner of the Prudential Financial 2017 Spirit of Community Award.

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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING ANNIE FARRELL, OF CORAL GABLES SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL,
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OF COMMUNITY AWARD**

WHEREAS, the 2017 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, sponsored by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), is a nationwide program honoring young people for outstanding acts of volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards represents the United States' largest youth recognition program based solely on volunteer service, selecting two students from each state every year, one from high school and one from middle school, to receive their prestigious Spirit of Community Award; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Annie Farrell, a senior at Coral Gables Senior High School, was recently selected as Florida's high school winner for the 2017 Prudential Spirit of Community Award, and

WHEREAS, her service project focused on working with students from Casa Valentina, a non-profit that houses and assists young adults who have aged out of the foster care system; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Farrell is also a Girl Scout Gold Award recipient, Senior Class President, Copy Editor for her school's newspaper, and National Honor Society Board Member; and

WHEREAS, Annie is to be commended for her altruism and service to others, as well as for her recognition as the state's high school winner of the Prudential Financial 2017 Spirit of Community Award.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 17-032 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Ms. Annie Farrell, of Coral Gables Senior High School, Florida high school level winner of the Prudential Financial 2017 Spirit of Community Award.

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

Presented this fifteenth day of March A. D. 2017

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary