

Ms. Maria Teresa Rojas, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 18-031 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE YOUNG WOMEN'S PREPARATORY ACADEMY, WINNER OF THE 2018 SECONDARY MAGNET SCHOOL OF MERIT AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, INNOVATION, EVALUATION AND TECHNOLOGY

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: RELEVANT, RIGOROUS, AND INNOVATIVE ACADEMICS

The Young Women's Preparatory Academy is the first single-gender public school in Miami-Dade County. It was established in 2006 as a one-to-one technology leadership magnet school for 6-12th grade girls and young women. The school's leadership theme is based on Steven Covey's 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens and it has just received the 2018 Secondary Magnet School of Merit Award of Excellence, one of the top national awards given by the prestigious organization *Magnet Schools of America* at the 36th National Conference on Magnet Schools held in Chicago, Illinois, April 2018. This award is given to magnet schools that demonstrate a commitment to high academic standards, curriculum innovation, successful diversity efforts, and a strong parent and community involvement.

Magnet Schools of America (MSA) is a non-profit education association founded in 1986. It represents approximately 4,340 magnet schools serving nearly 3.5 million students. It sponsors a national awards program, hosts professional development activities, and provides technical assistance through the National Institute for Magnet School Leadership (NIMSL). MSA supports and serves the leaders and teachers of magnet and theme-based schools, while promoting the development of new magnet programs and public schools of choice.

The Young Women's Preparatory Academy is dedicated to excellence in the education of girls and young women. The school focuses on personalized learning, an advanced curriculum, and community engagement. Students actively participate pursuing opportunities of a rich and challenging curriculum and develop the wisdom and courage to lead in local and global communities. Through the use of technology, students gain access to local, state, national, and worldwide resources. At all levels of sequential and high-achieving curriculum, the school fosters an environment in which students are comfortable taking intellectual risks, pursuing independent interests, and exploring various approaches to learning. It provides a framework for students to gain self-confidence, leadership skills, and a sense of responsibility.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools congratulates the Young Women's Preparatory Academy for winning the 2018 Secondary Magnet School of Merit Award of Excellence.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

MS. MARIA TERESA ROJAS: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No.18-031 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Young Women's Preparatory Academy, winner of the Secondary Magnet School of Merit Award of Excellence.

**RESOLUTION NO. 18-031
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING THE YOUNG WOMEN'S PREPARATORY ACADEMY, WINNER OF THE
SECONDARY MAGNET SCHOOL OF MERIT AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**

WHEREAS, the Young Women's Preparatory Academy is the first single-gender public school in Miami-Dade County. It was established in 2006 as a one-to-one technology leadership magnet school for 6-12th grade girls; and

WHEREAS, the school just received the 2018 Secondary Magnet School of Merit Award of Excellence from the prestigious organization *Magnet Schools of America* at the 36th National Conference on Magnet Schools held in Chicago, Illinois, in April 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Young Women's Preparatory Academy is dedicated to excellence in the education of girls and young women and it focuses on personalized learning, an advanced curriculum and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, students actively participate pursuing opportunities of a rich and challenging curriculum and developing the wisdom and courage to lead in local, state, national, and global communities; and

WHEREAS, the school fosters an environment in which students are comfortable taking intellectual risks, pursuing independent interests, and exploring various approaches to learning; and

WHEREAS, the administration, faculty, and staff provide a framework for students to gain self-confidence, leadership skills, and a sense of responsibility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 18-031 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Young Women's Preparatory Academy, Winner of the Secondary Magnet School of Merit Award of Excellence.

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

Presented this sixteenth day of May, A. D. 2018

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary