

Dr. Martin S. Karp, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 10-001 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING DR. LUPE DIAZ AS A SOUTH FLORIDA TOURISM PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR NOMINEE**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: ENGAGE STAKEHOLDERS ON DISTRICT INITIATIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The 19th Annual South Florida Tourism Professional of the Year luncheon was held recently at the Hyatt Regency Miami. The prestigious award recognizes outstanding travel and tourism professionals who have made significant contributions to the industry. With 76.8 million visitors in 2004 (a record number), Florida is the top travel destination in the world. The tourism industry has an economic impact of \$57 billion on Florida's economy. This year, Dr. Lupe Diaz of School Choice & Parental Options was nominated as Professional of the Year.

Dr. Diaz is the Project Director for the Smaller Learning Communities grant that includes 28 senior high schools in Miami-Dade County. She has served as the lead teacher for the Academy of Hospitality and Tourism program at Miami Beach Senior High School for the past 19 years. Active in her industry, she chaired the Career and Technical Education Department and has served on the board of the International Society of Travel and Tourism Educators.

Dr. Diaz has been recognized as the Florida Hospitality Educator of the Year by the American Hotel and Lodging Association. The National Academy Foundation honored her with the Aldo Papone Award for her outstanding leadership in the Southeast region. Her students have received various state and national awards in business and marketing. For the past three years, her students have been hospitality management state champions. Dr. Diaz exhibits a sincere commitment to the students and families of Miami-Dade County through her work in travel and tourism education.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
DR. MARTIN S. KARP:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 10-001 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Dr. Lupe Diaz as a South Florida Tourism Professional of the Year nominee.

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-001  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING DR. LUPE DIAZ AS A SOUTH FLORIDA TOURISM  
PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR NOMINEE**

**WHEREAS**, the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual South Florida Tourism Professional of the Year luncheon was held recently in Miami. The prestigious award recognizes outstanding travel and tourism professionals who have made significant contributions to the industry; and

**WHEREAS**, this year, Dr. Lupe Diaz of School Choice & Parental Options was nominated as Professional of the Year; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Diaz is the Project Director for the Smaller Learning Communities grant that includes 28 senior high schools in Miami-Dade County and she has served as the lead teacher for the Academy of Hospitality and Tourism program at Miami Beach Senior High School for the past 19 years; and

**WHEREAS**, her students have received various state and national awards in business and marketing. For the past three years, her students have been hospitality management state champions; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Diaz exhibits a sincere commitment to the students and families of Miami-Dade County through her work in travel and tourism education;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 10-001 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Dr. Lupe Diaz as a South Florida Tourism Professional of the Year nominee.

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

**Presented this thirteenth day of January, A.D. 2010**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary