

Dr. Marta Pérez, School Board Member

**SUBJECT:           REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 21-044 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING DR. MIGUEL A. BALSERA AS THE 2022 FLORIDA MUSIC EDUCATION ASSOCIATION (FMEA) ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR**

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

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

The mission of the Florida Music Education Association (FMEA) is to promote quality, comprehensive music education in all Florida schools. The FMEA administrator of the year is awarded to a school administrator who is not a professional music educator, but who displays ardent support of the school music program. This award recognizes leadership and excellence in encouragement, and promotion of music education.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools is so proud to announce Dr. Miguel A. Balsera, Principal of Miami Arts Studio 6-12 @ Zelda Glazer, has been selected to receive the **2022 FMEA Administrator of the Year Award** at the January FMEA Professional Development Conference 2022 in Tampa known for excellence in music education.

According to Ms. Sondra Collins, Awards Committee Chair, FMEA, “The State of Florida is certainly fortunate to have so many outstanding administrators, music educators, individuals, businesses, programs, and music advocates committed to music education, as evidenced by the high number of submissions to the FMEA Awards Committee. There was a high level of competition in this particular category, but Dr. Balsera, stood out above the rest!”

Dr. Balsera became the Principal of MAS in 2013 after a distinguished career that began in 1997 as a teacher.

Although high schools often face challenges in earning and maintaining an A rating, MAS has been an A-rated school since it opened. Under Dr. Balsera’s leadership, the school grew from a 6-8 middle school to a high school. Since becoming a high school, four years ago, MAS students have won a Silver Knight Award and an Honorable Mention Silver Knight EVERY YEAR. This is unparalleled at any school in Miami-Dade and Broward!

MAS received a prestigious National Blue-Ribbon award this year, plus Magnet Schools of America Awards and Five Star Award for the past three year as well as numerous distinctions in vocal, orchestra, and band.

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Dr. Balsera works efficiently with his community to bring excellence to the school music and arts program. He is affable, kind, hands-on, innovative, and in charge. He knows his teachers and students personally. He is on a constant look-out to improve the school, its programs, standings, and reputation. Administrators and teachers rave about him. Once of his colleagues recently said, "Dr. Balsera is the consummate leader." She spoke for many. As a servant principal, he leads by example. Students at MAS love their principal who walks the halls and is available to all.

It is very fitting that our board recognize Dr. Miguel A. Balsera for receiving the 2022 FMEA Administrator of the Year Award.

This item has been reviewed and approved by the School Board Attorney's office as to form and legal sufficiency

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
DR. MARTA PÉREZ:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 21-044 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Dr. Miguel A. Balsera as the 2022 Florida Music Education Association (FMEA) Administrator of the Year and for all that he does to enhance music education for Florida's students.

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-044**  
**OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,**  
**RECOGNIZING DR. MIGUEL A. BALSERA AS THE 2022 FLORIDA MUSIC EDUCATION**  
**ASSOCIATION (FMEA) ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR**

**WHEREAS,** The **Florida Music Education Association (FMEA)** administrator of the year is awarded to a school administrator who is not a professional music educator, but who displays ardent support of the school music program; and

**WHEREAS,** This award recognizes leadership and excellence in encouragement, and promotion of music education; and

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Balsera works efficiently with his community to bring excellence to the school music and arts program; and

**WHEREAS,** FMEA promotes and publishes the Florida Music Director and music education research, organizes professional development programs, and broadens teachers' knowledge and interest in their profession through affiliation with colleagues; and

**WHEREAS,** M-DCPS is so proud to announce that Dr. Miguel A. Balsera, Principal of Miami Arts Studio 6-12 @ Zelda Glazer, has been selected to receive the **2022 FMEA Administrator of the Year Award** at the January Florida Music Education Association's (FMEA) Professional Development Conference 2022 in Tampa known for excellence in music education; and

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Balsera works efficiently with his community to bring excellence to the school music and arts program.

**WHEREAS,** According to Ms. Sondra Collins, awards committee chair, FMEA, "The State of Florida is certainly fortunate to have so many outstanding administrators, music educators, individuals, businesses, programs, and music advocates committed to music education, but Dr. Balsera, stood out above the rest!"; and

**WHEREAS,** The Miami-Dade County School Board and FMEA have deep appreciation to Dr. Balsera for the work that he is doing to promote quality music education at Miami Arts Studio @ Zelda Glazer.

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 21-044 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Dr. Miguel A. Balsera as the 2022 Florida Music Education Association (FMEA) Administrator of the Year.

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

**Presented this twentieth day of October, A. D. 2021**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary