

Dr. Marta Pérez, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 10-088 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE ARCHIMEDEAN SCHOOLS

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT FRAMEWORK: STUDENT, PARENT, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Student testing is a vital way to measure a child's proficiency in reading, mathematics, science and writing. Each year, roughly 200,000 students in each grade level take the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT). Roughly 76 percent of all Miami-Dade's public schools maintained or increased their School Performance Grade from 2008-09 to 2009-10, as compared to only 72 percent statewide.

The Archimedean Schools had its finest year since its inception eight years ago. According to schooldigger.com, the Archimedean Schools ranked in the top 10 of high-performing schools in the FCAT testing across the state. Archimedean Academy, which includes kindergarten-fifth grades, was ranked number six. Archimedean Middle Conservatory, which includes grades 6-8, was ranked number two while Archimedean Upper Conservatory, which includes grades 9-11, was ranked number nine. All three schools were ranked as the number one charter school in each of its categories.

Archimedean students receive a dual curriculum, which includes an American curriculum with core subjects in language arts, mathematics, social studies and science taught in English based on the Competency Based Curriculum under the state standards. It also includes a Greek curriculum in mathematics and language taught in Greek in a partial immersion instructional setting.

Founded in 2006, schooldigger.com allows parents to access its free database of detailed profiles of more than 136,000 schools in the United States. The profiles include several years of test scores, 20 years of enrollment figures, real estate data as well as crime data. The website's goal is to empower parents and allow them to make informed education choices for their children.

The leadership of the Archimedean Schools is to be commended for providing a safe learning environment and rigorous curriculum to its students, which contributed to the schools' academic achievement for the 2009-2010 school year.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 10-088 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the achievements of the Archimedean Schools.

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-088
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE ARCHIMEDEAN SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, the Archimedean Schools were created eight years ago to initiate the young mind into the art of thinking through the teaching of mathematics and the Greek language; and

WHEREAS, according to schooldigger.com, the Archimedean Schools ranked in the top 10 of high-performing schools in the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) across the state. The website allows parents to access its free database of detailed profiles of more than 136,000 schools in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Archimedean Academy, which includes kindergarten-fifth grades, was ranked number six; and

WHEREAS, Archimedean Middle Conservatory, which includes grades 6-8, was ranked number two while Archimedean Upper Conservatory, which includes grades 9-10, was ranked number nine; and

WHEREAS, all three schools were ranked as the number one charter school in each of its categories; and

WHEREAS, the leadership of the Archimedean Schools is to be commended for providing a safe learning environment and rigorous curriculum to its students, which contributed to the schools' academic achievement for the 2009-2010 school year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 10-088 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the achievements of the Archimedean Schools.

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

Presented this seventh day of September, A.D. 2010

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary