

Dr. Marta Pérez, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 22-012 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING MR. JAIME G. TORRENS FOR HIS 37 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS (M-DCPS)

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

LINK TO STRATEGIC

PLAN: HIGHLY EFFECTIVE TEACHERS, LEADERS, & STAFF

Mr. Jaime G. Torrens began his outstanding career with Miami-Dade County Public Schools in 1985 as Coordinator with responsibilities for energy management, utilities administration, and emergency communication for all district schools. During his tenure, Mr. Torrens established the district's recycling program and coordinated recovery efforts with state and federal agencies following Hurricane Andrew.

In 1996, Mr. Torrens was promoted to Executive Director and assumed additional responsibilities related to the District's Safety Department, Materials Testing and Asbestos Management.

In 2004, Mr. Torrens was promoted to Inspections Officer and assumed responsibility for District compliance functions including Plant Operations and Facilities ADA Compliance. He served as the senior administrator directing planning, preparedness and recovery related to hurricanes and other natural disasters. He also established and led the District's Critical Incident Response Team to provide coordinated support to schools during emergencies.

In 2007, Mr. Torrens was promoted to Chief Facilities Officer. He was responsible for all aspects of facilities planning, construction, maintenance, operations, and inspections; and, also helped lead the very successful implementation of the \$1.2 billion General Obligation Bond program to renovate, construct, and modernize our schools—with projects finished on time and under budget.

In 2019, Mr. Torrens became Chief of Staff to the Superintendent and led the District's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. He coordinated the Public Health and Medical Experts Task Force and served as point person directing interagency resources. In 2021, he was appointed Deputy Superintendent, becoming the second-in-command for the fourth largest school district in the nation.

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Mr. Jaime G. Torrens retired as Deputy superintendent last month and was responsible for assisting the Superintendent of Schools in planning, organizing, managing, and directing the overall operation of the school system including formulating strategy, developing policy, and implementing programs.

Mr. Torrens holds a Master of Science in Management Information Systems and a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering from Florida International University, and he is a LEED Accredited Professional. He has led the district's infusion of sustainability principles into design criteria and specifications for capital projects, implemented the Guaranteed Energy Performance Contracting Program and opened the first Gold Certified comprehensive high school under the LEED for Schools Program.

Mr. Torrens' quiet, but effective leadership enabled him to work under eleven (11) superintendents, always delivering results-driven management no matter who led the district and avoiding the politics of government; his command of school facilities, its operations, and its innumerable complexities are recognized as part of Miami-Dade County Public Schools success.

Mr. Torrens dedicated 37 years of outstanding service to our school district during our most challenging times; performing with grace and distinction as his responsibilities increased, thereby positively impacting students, families, and our community for generations to come.

This item has been reviewed and as to form and legal sufficiency by the School Board Attorney.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 22-012 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Jaime G. Torrens for his 37 years of dedicated service to the Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS).

**RESOLUTION NO. 22-012
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING JAIME G. TORRENS FOR HIS 37 YEARS OF DEDICATED
SERVICE TO THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS (M-DCPS)**

WHEREAS, Mr. Jaime G. Torrens began his outstanding career with MDCPS in 1985 as coordinator with responsibilities for energy management, utilities administration, and emergency communication for all district schools; and

WHEREAS, in 2007 Mr. Torrens became M-DCPS Chief Facilities Officer, responsible for all aspects of facilities planning, construction, maintenance, operations, and inspections; and, also helped lead the very successful implementation of the \$1.2 billion General Obligation Bond program to renovate, construct, and modernize our schools—with projects finished on time and under budget; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, Mr. Torrens became Chief of Staff to the Superintendent and led the District's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and in 2021, he was appointed Deputy Superintendent, becoming the second-in-command for the fourth largest school district in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Torrens' quiet, but effective leadership enabled him to work under eleven (11) superintendents, always delivering results-driven management no matter who led the district and avoiding the politics of government; his command of school facilities, its operations, and its innumerable complexities are recognized as part of Miami-Dade County Public Schools success; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Torrens dedicated 37 years of outstanding service to our school district during our most challenging times; performing with grace and distinction as his responsibilities increased, thereby positively impacting students, families, and our community for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, our community owes Mr. Torrens a debt of gratitude for his professionalism and leadership.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 22-012 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Jaime G. Torrens for his 37 years of dedicated service to the Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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

Presented this ninth day of March, A.D. 2022

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary