

**THE FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

November 29, 2012

**Subject: Commending Miami-Dade County Public Schools**

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**Proposed Board Action:**

WHEREAS, the Broad Foundation awarded Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) the 2012 Broad Prize for Urban Education, an honor given to the most outstanding urban school district in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the \$1 million Broad Prize, established in 2002, is awarded each year to honor urban school districts that demonstrate success in overall performance and improvement in student achievement while also reducing achievement gaps for low-income and minority students; and

WHEREAS, 75 urban school districts were identified as eligible candidates for the 2012 Broad Prize, and four finalists were selected after a thorough and comprehensive review; and

WHEREAS, the 11 members of the distinguished selection jury for the 2012 Broad Prize recognized M-DCPS as an exemplary school district because of the great progress made in raising student achievement; and

WHEREAS, M-DCPS' success in raising student achievement is a model for urban school districts and is worthy of national recognition; and

WHEREAS, Florida International University (FIU) is proud of the strategic partnership with M-DCPS, which benefits the entire community through many collaborative ongoing projects that have and continue to contribute to student success; and

WHEREAS, a large percentage of FIU's students have graduated from M-DCPS and many of M-DCPS teachers and staff are FIU alumni;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Florida International University Board of Trustees at its regular meeting this 29<sup>th</sup> day of November 2012, does hereby commend and congratulate Miami-Dade County Public Schools on receiving the 2012 Broad Prize for Urban Education; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Florida International University Board of Trustees shall prepare a copy of this Resolution for presentation to the Chair of the Miami-Dade County School Board Perla Tabares Hantman and the Superintendent of Miami-Dade County Public Schools Alberto M. Carvalho as an expression of the Board's gratitude for the School District's continued commitment to excellence in education.