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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** October 12, 2007

**TO:** School Choice Community

**FROM:** Jeanine Blomberg, Commissioner

Jean Miller, Acting Executive Director  
Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice

**SUBJECT: Dr. Carlo Rodriguez Champion of School Choice Awards**

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Dr. Carlo Rodriguez was an advocate of educational reform and committed to the belief that school choice was a vehicle for equal access to quality educational opportunities. His contributions to school choice in Florida and the nation were extensive. In memory of his passion and commitment to improving education for all children, the Florida Public School Choice Consortium (FPSCC) has established the **Dr. Carlo Rodriguez Champion of School Choice Awards**.

Recipients of the award will be determined through a criterion review of nominations consisting of an awards committee representative of multiple agencies dealing with various school options in Florida. The influence of an individual and a district may be in one or more of the following areas: increase in the number of school options, equitable practices for recruiting and/or enrolling students, innovative transportation plans, effective parent awareness and empowerment strategies, and raising awareness of the necessity and benefits of school choice.

The Florida Department of Education and the Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice are pleased to support this prestigious award and encourage the submission of nominees whose achievements of commitment within the school choice community have influenced the quality and equitability of school choice.

For further information and submission details, please visit the Florida Public School Choice Consortium at [www.fpscc.net](http://www.fpscc.net).