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**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT TO FORM AN
EDUCATION COMPACT BETWEEN MIAMI-DADE
COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND THE VILLAGE OF
PINECREST**

**COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY AND GOVERNMENTAL
RELATIONS**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
FRAMEWORK: STUDENT, PARENT, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Following the blueprint established by the formation of the Education Compacts among Miami-Dade County Public Schools (District), and other local general purpose governments, the District and the Village of Pinecrest (Village), will now partner to bring together each organization's collective resources for the greater benefit of both the students and the citizens of Pinecrest.

The Village of Pinecrest was incorporated on March 12, 1996 and is one of over 30 municipalities in Miami-Dade County, Florida. Fifteen miles south of downtown Miami and five miles from Miami International Airport, the Village is home to approximately 19,530 residents. Encompassing about eight square miles, the Village's boundaries are generally Snapper Creek Canal to the north, Southwest 136 Street to the south, Southwest 57 Avenue to the east and Pinecrest Parkway (US1) to the west. The Village is governed by a five-member Council and operates under the Council-Manager form of government.

The Village is home to five public school facilities including Pinecrest Elementary, Howard Drive Elementary, Palmetto Elementary, Miami Palmetto Middle, and Miami Palmetto Senior High schools. Over the past eighteen months the Village of Pinecrest Education Advisory Council (EAC), made up of committed parents, community members and school administrators, has worked to support Village schools. Topics addressed include tutoring and other academic resources for students such as creating after-school study hall as well as new arts and enrichment after-school programming. The EAC has been an integral partner in the development of the current Education Compact.

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STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

1. The District will make available to the Village all student achievement data inclusive of Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test Scores, attendance data, school grades, Advanced Placement course enrollment and success rates, demographic data for individual schools and a summary data report for all Village schools.
2. The District will explore the development of a process to collect information on postsecondary placement of graduating high school seniors on an annual basis to be shared with the Village Education Advisory Council and Village Council.
3. The Village and District will work together to identify businesses within the Village to partner with local schools through the Dade Partners program in support of student achievement.
4. The Village and the Village Youth Council will collaborate with the District to provide service-learning opportunities for students within Village departments and/or agencies and local community organizations.
5. The District and Village will explore strategies to expand and enhance out-of-school programs that are offered at the school sites and community centers including tutoring.
6. The Village will explore public/private funding for the development of after-school study hall sessions at Village schools.
7. The District will explore the feasibility of program options that would retain students that typically select participation in magnet programs versus remaining in Miami Palmetto Middle and Miami Palmetto Senior High schools.
8. The Village will explore community transportation options that will support out-of-school programming for youth.
9. The Village and District will develop a technology initiative for Village schools (i.e. Smart Schools Initiative) and explore funding options for schools within the Village limits. This effort will focus on upgrading resources, including smart boards and electrical upgrades at school sites.
10. The District will identify key career academies that will be encouraged to have students participate in internship opportunities within Village departments and/or in local businesses. The Village will commit to developing an internship program across municipal departments.

11. The Village and District will explore the feasibility of enhancing and developing high school academies, including small business and entrepreneurship, performing arts, TV production, culinary arts, and the International Baccalaureate Program.
12. The Village and District will explore expanding a continuum of curricular enhancements for Miami Palmetto Middle School electives that prepare students for Miami Palmetto Senior High School academy offerings.
13. The Village will assist in recruiting mentors to serve in schools across the District through such organizations as Take Stock in Children, Big Brothers/ Big Sisters of Greater Miami, Inc. and other mentoring programs.
14. The Village will collaborate with the District to expand opportunities for grant writing partnerships to provide innovative education program opportunities for Village youth.
15. The Village and District will collaborate to develop relationships with new sister cities creating national and international educational links for Village schools.
16. The Village and District will endeavor to continue the implementation of the College Readiness Summer Tour Program for schools within Region V. The tour program concept will promote post-secondary education options during the middle school years. The Village will work with the District to identify sponsorships for students in Region V that need assistance.
17. The Village and District will partner with local universities to explore the development of summer programs designed to meet the needs of the academically talented students currently being served in grades 3-10.
18. The Village and District will ensure that all students served by Village schools are given the opportunity to be included in Compact activities.

Key Intended Outcomes:

- Demonstrated learning gains in reading, math and science
- Increased number of collaborative grants submitted on behalf of the youth of the Village
- Increased graduation rate at Miami Palmetto Senior High School

Measures:

- Summary of FCAT Reading, Math, and Science results compared on an annual basis.

- AP Enrollment and pass rate
- Number of grants submitted
- Number of internships
- Number of mentors
- Annual graduation rate

COMMUNITY AND PARENT ENGAGEMENT

1. The Village will endeavor to continue its school grants program providing funding for Village school needs on an annual basis.
2. The Village, District and community organizations will collaborate to deliver information regarding health and wellness education, prevention and intervention strategies regarding nutrition, physical activity levels, and health maintenance in accordance with the District's Wellness and Youth Safety Initiatives.
3. The Village and District will collaborate with school-site PTAs/PTSAs to identify relevant workshop topics that will engage and address needs of Village of Pinecrest families via The Parent Academy and other community organizations.
4. The Village and District will assist in the identification of alumni of public schools within the Village to engage them in supporting their alma mater and District initiatives.
5. The Village, Village Youth Council and District will work together to ensure that specific steps are identified to sustain the safest environment for youth within the Village limits. This effort will be coordinated with police departments from the District and Village in collaboration with relevant District and Village non-police staff and community organizations.
6. The District will support the Village's efforts to establish and upgrade a first-rate performing arts facility at Pinecrest Gardens whereby the five public schools in Pinecrest will be able to utilize the venue for performances and at the same time become an integral part of the cultural arts scene in the Village of Pinecrest.
7. The District will integrate increased Village cultural arts experiences with the Superintendent's Cultural Passport Initiative.
8. The Village will collaborate with other local governments to share best practices on behalf of the youths of Miami-Dade County.

Key Intended Outcomes:

- Unified youth and family program offerings leveraging current Village and District resources
- Increased youth civic engagement

- Increased community support of Village and Region V schools

Measures:

- Number of alumni engaged in Compact activities
- Number of community events and programs offered to Village youths
- Upgrade of Banyan Bowl lights, sound and stage
- Number of performances held at the Banyan Bowl

GREEN SCHOOLS

1. The Village and District will collaborate in communicating efforts to “build green”, making every effort to adhere to the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (L.E.E.D) whenever possible. The Village will include updated project information within reports provided to the community.
2. The District and Village will prioritize the exploration of an environmental science-focused career academy at Palmetto Senior High School that will build upon current science-based offerings and further incorporate environmentally focused curriculum and activities including a Green Academy – Science Based Curriculum in an effort to retain students that typically select participation in magnet programs versus remaining in Miami Palmetto Middle School and Miami Palmetto Senior High School
3. The Village and District will explore expanding curricular enhancements for Miami Palmetto Middle school electives that will prepare students for environmental science academy offerings at Miami Palmetto Senior High School.
4. The Village and District will explore public and private funding sources for the development of an environmental science career academy.
5. The District and Village will collaborate to build upon the current partnership with Dream In Green, a local non-profit organization, by expanding to additional Village schools.
6. The Village, Village Youth Council and District will collaborate to coordinate joint environmental awareness community activities for both students and parents.
7. The Village and District will collaborate to seek out funding to support sustainable initiatives.

Key Intended Outcomes:

- Increased awareness of green practices
- Increased implementation of green practices

Measures:

- Green projects completed
- Increased number of schools participating in the Dream in Green Program

FACILITIES

Activities

1. The District will provide the Village with annual updates on current and planned capital projects for schools within the Village's limits.
2. The Village and District will meet to review all joint-use facility agreements and determine if updates need to be developed including the Lease Agreement for the use of the Miami Palmetto Middle School's playing fields.
3. The Village and District will explore opportunities for advertisements that would generate revenue for Village youth-focused programming.

Key Intended Outcomes:

- School sites developed and maintained ensuring a clean, functional positive physical environment.

Measures:

- Capital/Maintenance Projects within the Village limits

COMMUNICATION

1. The Village and District will collaborate to enhance education-related communications to the Village's residents by developing an education page to be included in the Village's website with links to Village of Pinecrest schools, providing access to the Village's radio programming, and space in the Village's newsletters in order to disseminate information on Village of Pinecrest schools.
2. The Village and the District will endeavor to collaborate on legislative agendas in support of public education. This will include the prioritization of joint legislative priorities and identified steps in joint advocacy efforts.
3. The Village of Pinecrest's Education Advisory Board will review Education Compact progress on a monthly basis and provide feedback to Village and District staff.

4. The District and Village will provide regular briefings to the School Board and Village Council regarding the status of the implementation of this Compact and other issues of interest.
5. The Village will include a benchmark in their strategic plan prioritizing education for Village youths.
6. The Village and District will explore ways in which school-site youth broadcasting clubs and the Pinecrest Youth Council can work with the Village to produce informational broadcasts for both their schools and the Village's residents, including the use of the Village's radio station.

Key Intended Outcomes

- Increased community engagement with Village of Pinecrest schools and District information.
- A greater awareness of youth and education resources for the Village of Pinecrest.
- Increased youth civic engagement.
- Increased collaborative legislative advocacy on behalf of public education.

Measures

- Number of District legislative priorities supported by the Village.
- Number of educationally-related articles/ads disseminated through Village-sponsored communication methods (magazines, newspaper, and television).
- Number of youth generated broadcasts on Village radio stations.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida authorize the Superintendent to form an Education Compact between Miami-Dade County Public Schools and the Village of Pinecrest.