

Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 13-052 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE HOMESTEAD EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES BENEFIT DISTRICT AND MICHAEL LATTERNER OF MICHAEL LATTERNER AND ASSOCIATES

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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

The State of Florida Legislature enacted Sections 1013.355-1013.265, Florida Statutes, which established and created provisions to govern Educational Facilities Benefit Districts, commonly referred to as EFBD. The overarching purpose of the EFBD legislation was to promote cooperation between and among public and private entities, and to facilitate the provision of quality educational facilities in tandem with new residential development through responsible partnerships, including innovative new financing and funding mechanisms.

In keeping with the intent and purpose of the EFBD legislation, in September 2005, the City of Homestead, Miami-Dade County and the Homestead Educational Facilities Benefit District (HEFBD) joined forces with the School Board under an Interlocal Agreement to create the framework under which one or more educational facilities to serve the proposed new residential development within the HEFBD could be timely provided. Through the tireless efforts and commitment of all parties, which included the generous donation of an approximate 35-acre tract of land by HEFBD developer Michael Latterner of Michael Latterner and Associates, the School Board constructed a 1,500 student-station state-of-the-art K-8 facility. The K-8 facility, named Gateway Environmental K-8 Learning Center, opened its doors in 2008 and has since firmly established itself as a provider of high-quality education to area residents.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends the Homestead Educational Facilities Benefit District and Michael Latterner for their generous contributions and commitment to public education and for their support of the students, parents, and families of Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. LAWRENCE S. FELDMAN: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 13-052 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Homestead Educational Facilities Benefit District and Michael Latterner of Michael Latterner and Associates.

**RESOLUTION NO. 13-052
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING THE HOMESTEAD EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES BENEFIT DISTRICT
AND MICHAEL LATNER OF MICHAEL LATNER AND ASSOCIATES**

WHEREAS, the State of Florida Legislature enacted Sections 1013.355-1013.265, Florida Statutes, which established and created provisions to govern Educational Facilities Benefit Districts, commonly referred to as EFBD; and

WHEREAS, the overarching purpose of the EFBD legislation was to promote cooperation between and among public and private entities, and to facilitate the provision of quality educational facilities in tandem with new residential development through responsible partnerships, including innovative new financing and funding mechanisms; and

WHEREAS, in keeping with the intent and purpose of the EFBD legislation, in September 2005, the City of Homestead, Miami-Dade County and the Homestead Educational Facilities Benefit District (HEFBD) joined forces with the School Board under an Interlocal Agreement to create the framework under which one or more educational facilities to serve the proposed new residential development within the HEFBD could be timely provided; and

WHEREAS, through the tireless efforts and commitment of all parties, which included the generous donation of an approximate 35-acre tract of land by HEFBD developer Michael Latner of Michael Latner and Associates, the School Board constructed a 1,500 student-station state-of-the-art K-8 facility. The K-8 facility, named Gateway Environmental K-8 Learning Center, opened its doors in 2008 and has since firmly established itself as a provider of high-quality education to area residents; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends the Homestead Educational Facilities Benefit District and Michael Latner for their generous contributions and commitment to public education and for their support of the students, parents, and families of Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 13-052 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Homestead Educational Facilities Benefit District and Michael Latner of Michael Latner and Associates.

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

Presented this seventeenth day of April, A.D. 2013

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary