

Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, Vice Chair

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 14-026 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA RECOGNIZING THE MIRACLE LEAGUE OF MIAMI-DADE

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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

The Miracle League of Miami-Dade is an organization of volunteers committed to the idea that every child deserves an opportunity to play and fully enjoy baseball, America's favorite pastime. Through fundraising efforts, The Miracle League builds baseball facilities that remove the barriers keeping children with special needs off the baseball field.

A barrier for these children arises from the natural grass fields used in conventional youth leagues. Miracle League teams play on a specially designed, rubberized turf field that accommodates wheelchairs, walkers and is designed to help prevent injuries and promote fun.

The goal of The Miracle League of Miami-Dade is to create positive life experiences for all children with special needs and their families through baseball. The league is focused on the children to create an accepting, safe and fun environment, and collaborate with families and the community. In Miracle League games every player gets to bat once each inning, they are always safe on base, and everyone scores a run before the inning is over. Schoolmates, parents, high school or college students, athletes, business leaders, scouts and volunteers serve as 'buddies' to assist the players, and every team wins every game.

The Miracle League of Miami-Dade is one of 250 Miracle League Organizations across the country including, Puerto Rico, and Canada and Australia. The Miracle League's objective is to offer the program to every city in the country so children, young adults and adults alike with special needs around the globe will have this same opportunity to play baseball. The league has served over 200,000 children and young adults with disabilities.

The School Board commends The Miracle League of Miami-Dade for its exceptional effort to give Miami-Dade's children with special needs the opportunity to enjoy America's pastime.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. LAWRENCE S. FELDMAN: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 14-026 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing The Miracle League of Miami-Dade.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 14-026
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING THE MIRACLE LEAGUE OF MIAMI-DADE**

WHEREAS, The Miracle League of Miami-Dade is an organization of volunteers committed to the idea that every child deserves an opportunity to play and fully enjoy baseball, America's favorite pastime. Through fundraising efforts, The Miracle League builds baseball facilities that remove the barriers keeping children with special needs off the baseball field; and

WHEREAS, a barrier for these children arises from the natural grass fields used in conventional youth leagues. The Miracle League teams play on a specially designed, rubberized turf field that accommodates wheelchairs, walkers and is designed to help prevent injuries and promote fun; and

WHEREAS, the goal of The Miracle League of Miami-Dade is to create positive life experiences for all children with special needs and their families through baseball; and

WHEREAS, in The Miracle League games, every player gets to bat once each inning, they are always safe on base, and everyone scores a run before the inning is over. Schoolmates, parents, high school or college students, athletes, business leaders, scouts and volunteers serve as 'buddies' to assist the players, and every team wins every game; and

WHEREAS, The Miracle League of Miami-Dade is one of 250 Miracle League Organizations across the country including, Puerto Rico, and Canada and Australia. The Miracle League's objective is to offer the program to every city in the country so children, young adults and adults alike with special needs around the globe will have this same opportunity to play baseball. The league has served over 200,000 children and young adults with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the School Board commends The Miracle League of Miami-Dade for its exceptional effort to give Miami-Dade's children with special needs the opportunity to enjoy America's pastime;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 14-026 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing The Miracle League of Miami-Dade.

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

Presented this twelfth day of March, A.D. 2014

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary