

Ms. Lubby Navarro, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 16-043 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING HEALTHY WEST KENDALL (HWK) COALITION

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: INFORMED, ENGAGED AND EMPOWERED STAKEHOLDERS

In 2013, a community health needs assessment, was conducted for the West Kendall area in partnership with the Health Council of South Florida and it revealed five priority health needs for the West Kendall community: access to care, availability of primary and preventive care, chronic disease management and heart and vascular disease.

In order to address the community needs in the West Kendall area, West Kendall Baptist Hospital initiated the Healthy West Kendall (HWK) Coalition, a coalition of community partners from various areas including business, healthcare, government, law enforcement, education, faith based communities and more.

The HWK Coalition seeks to create the healthiest community in Florida by connecting, inspiring and changing lives to help residents live healthier, happier and longer. As part of its mission, the HWK seeks to help West Kendall residents to think differently about their community and their health, and educate our school-aged children to live a healthier lifestyle.

Through the HWK Coalition, a partnership was formed with area schools to coordinate the Walking School Bus initiative. The schools that were selected to participate in this initiative were as follows: Christina M. Eve Elementary, Gilbert L. Porter Elementary, Jane S. Roberts K-8 Center and Oliver Hoover Elementary. The first walking school bus event kicked-off on March 11, 2016 and is ongoing through April 29, 2016. These events encourage students and families to incorporate physical activity into their daily lives. Through this exceptional partnership with the HWK Coalition and these schools, more than 230 students, school staff and parents participated in several Walking School Bus events and walked a total of 190 miles.

As the health and well-being of our students is an essential part to learning and academic success, it is with great esteem that we recognize the great efforts of the HWK Coalition, which has brought awareness to our students about the benefits of physical activity and that of living a healthy lifestyle.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
LUBBY NAVARRO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 16-043 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, Recognizing Healthy West Kendall (HWK) Coalition.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 16-043
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING HEALTHY WEST KENDALL (HWK) COALITION**

WHEREAS, Healthy West Kendall Coalition powered by West Kendall Baptist Hospital, is a coalition of community partners from various areas including business, healthcare, government, law enforcement, education, faith communities and more, and

WHEREAS, Healthy West Kendall seeks to create the healthiest community in Florida by connecting, inspiring and changing lives to help residents live healthier, happier and longer, and

WHEREAS, Healthy West Kendall partnered with Christina M. Eve Elementary, Gilbert L. Porter Elementary, Jane S. Roberts K-8 Center and Oliver Hoover Elementary, four West Kendall Schools to coordinate "Walking School Bus" events.

WHEREAS, The "Walking School Bus" events kicked-off on March 11, 2016 and are ongoing through April 29, 2016, to encourage students and families to incorporate physical activity into their daily lives, and

WHEREAS, Through this exceptional partnership, more than 230 students, school staff and parents participated in several Walking School Bus events and walked a total of 190 miles, and

WHEREAS, the health and well-being of our students is an essential part to learning and academic success, and through this partnership, the Healthy West Kendall Coalition has brought awareness to our students about the benefits of physical activity and living a healthy lifestyle,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 16-043 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida recognizing Healthy West Kendall Coalition.

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

Presented this thirteenth day of April, A.D. 2016

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary