

Ms. Lubby Navarro, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 16-054 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION**

**COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

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In 2011, the Miami-Dade County Youth Commission was created by County Ordinance with the purpose of providing young people with a vehicle to participate in the inner-workings of County government.

Motivated students from each Commission District represent and articulate the needs of youth in Miami-Dade County, in the process advising the Mayor and Board of County Commissioners on matters affecting the youth population of our community. The Youth Commission is comprised of 32 members and 8 Committee Members.

Through the collaborative efforts of Miami-Dade governmental officials and departments, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, and other community supporters, the Youth Commission provides young people with a positive model of participatory governance thus creating a symbiotic relationship between youth government and community.

Among some of the duties and responsibilities of the youth commissioners are studying problems and holding forums on issues, activities and concerns of youth in the County; commenting upon existing or proposed legislation, ordinances, resolutions and policies that impact the youth in Miami-Dade County; presenting methods to resolve youth-related conflicts between youth and between youth and adults; recommending the implementation of community programs to improve the lives of youth; working with other youth organizations in the County to collaborate on shared issues and interests; serving as the Violence Intervention Program representative for their respective school, as permitted by the Miami-Dade County Public School System; and also facilitating an annual Youth Summit in conjunction with the Juvenile Services Department.

The Youth Commission is being implemented by the Miami-Dade County Juvenile Services Department (JSD) under the umbrella of the Miami-Dade Violence Intervention Project (VIP), an initiative that is addressing violence throughout the County.

The basic component of the VIP has been its uniqueness in pulling young people together as the primary motivators in addressing issues in their neighborhoods and schools. Part of the visionary strategy of the VIP is to give youth in Miami-Dade the tools and teach them about the process in order for them to take action as public advocates in the halls of government.

The Miami-Dade County Youth Commission is a vital component of youth civic engagement and it is with enthusiasm that we recognize the 2015-2016 Youth Commissioners for their sincere interest and motivation to work for the community.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
LUBBY NAVARRO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 16-054 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Miami-Dade County Youth Commission.

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-054  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION**

**WHEREAS**, in 2011, the Miami-Dade County Youth Commission was created by County Ordinance with the purpose of providing young people with a vehicle to participate in the inner-workings of County government; and

**WHEREAS**, motivated students from each Commission district represent and articulate the needs of youth in Miami-Dade, in the process advising the Mayor and Board of County Commissioners on matters affecting the youth population of our community. The Youth Commission is comprised of 32 members and 8 Committee Members; and

**WHEREAS**, the Miami-Dade County Juvenile Services Department (JSD) is implementing The Youth Commission, under the umbrella of the Miami-Dade Violence Intervention Project (VIP), an initiative that is addressing violence throughout the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the basic component of the VIP has been its uniqueness in pulling young people together as the primary motivators in addressing issues in their neighborhoods and schools. Part of the visionary strategy of the VIP is to give youth in Miami-Dade the tools and teach them about the process in order for them to take action as public advocates in the halls of government; and

**WHEREAS**, through the collaborative efforts of Miami-Dade governmental officials and departments, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, and other community supporters, the Youth Commission provides young people with a positive model of participatory governance thus creating a symbiotic relationship between youth and the County; and

**WHEREAS**, one of the duties and responsibilities of the Youth Commissioners is to improve the lives of youth; and

**WHEREAS**, the Miami-Dade County Youth Commission is a vital component of youth civic engagement and it is with enthusiasm that we recognize the 2015-2016 Youth Commissioners for their sincere interest and motivation to work for the community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 16-054 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Miami-Dade County Youth Commission.

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

**Presented this eleventh day of May, A.D. 2016**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary