

Ms. Lubby Navarro, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 16-076 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE CITY OF MIAMI, THE MIAMI BAYSIDE FOUNDATION, AND THE MIAMI RIVER COMMISSION**

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

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Miami-Dade County holds a preeminent position in the Maritime industry, which is critical to 21<sup>st</sup> Century economic growth for our community and for the State.

At the School Board Meeting of August 5, 2015, the Board approved item H-14, directing the Superintendent of Schools to explore the feasibility of developing workforce educational training programs for the maritime trades through the District's Adult and Vocational programs.

Since the passage of the item, several community stakeholders have expressed their unwavering support to Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) for the establishment of a maritime workforce educational training program, aimed at providing our students and community with an opportunity to access high-wage paying jobs in the maritime industry. This industry has a high job growth in our community and has a myriad of maritime trades at the Port of Miami, Miami River and over 61 boatyards - which have a tremendous need for certified repair workers for inboard and outboard engines.

Among the community partners that have expressed their support, are the City of Miami, Miami Bayside Foundation and Miami River Commission. Through the efforts of City of Miami, Commissioner Frank Carollo, M-DCPS will now receive funds to spearhead such an important program. Commissioner Carollo, sponsored a resolution at the City of Miami Commission Meeting of March 24, 2016, authorizing the City to execute an Interlocal agreement between the City of Miami and M-DCPS, in the amount of \$235,905 from the District 3 share of the City of Miami's Anti-Poverty Initiative Program - for the creation of a new permanent local marine service technology program at Lindsey Hopkins Technical College to provide students with maritime skills in our community.

The Miami Bayside Foundation, who is a strong District partner, expressed their unequivocal support for the establishment of this valuable training program for our community and has provided \$100,000 to M-DCPS for the creation of the Marine Service Technologies educational training program.

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The Miami River Commission, who is the official coordinating clearinghouse of all public policy and projects related to the Miami River, works to unite all governmental agencies, businesses and residents, was steadfast to express their support for this valuable educational training program. This educational training program was aligned to their strategic plan, the Miami River Corridor Urban Infill Plan, which includes the following recommended goal/action item, "Request the Marine Industry, local and state governments partner to create a marine training and educational facility on or near the River". Through their efforts, industry partners became engaged and interested about the M-DCPS's establishment of this program.

The District's new Marine Service Technologies Program, will be open its doors at Lindsey Hopkins Technical College on August 22, 2016, where classes are scheduled to commence. The program will provide training for adult students wanting a career in the Marine industry. This new program will help the maritime industry with its shortage of a skilled maritime industry workforce and with their aging personnel.

In appreciation for all the support from the City of Miami, Miami Bayside Foundation and the Miami River Commission and other community partners, this resolution commends these partners for their financial support, their philanthropic endeavors and their support for the creation of the District's Marine Service Technologies Program, which will provide economic viability for our community.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
MS. LUBBY NAVARRO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 16-076 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the City of Miami, the Miami Bayside Foundation, and the Miami River Commission.

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-076**  
**OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,**  
**RECOGNIZING THE CITY OF MIAMI, THE MIAMI BAYSIDE FOUNDATION, AND**  
**THE MIAMI RIVER COMMISSION**

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County holds a preeminent position in the Maritime industry, which is critical to 21<sup>st</sup> Century economic growth for our community and for the State; and

**WHEREAS**, at the School Board Meeting of August 5, 2015, the Board approved item H-14, directing the Superintendent of Schools to explore the feasibility of developing workforce educational training programs for the maritime trades through the District's Adult and Vocational programs; and

**WHEREAS**, since the passage of the item, several community stakeholders have expressed their unwavering support to Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) for the establishment of a maritime workforce educational training program, aimed at providing our students and community with an opportunity to access high-wage paying jobs in the maritime industry; and

**WHEREAS**, among the community partners that have expressed their support, are the City of Miami, Miami Bayside Foundation and Miami River Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, through the efforts of City of Miami, Commissioner Frank Carollo, M-DCPS will now receive funds to spearhead such an important program. Commissioner Carollo, sponsored a resolution at the City of Miami Commission Meeting of March 24, 2016, authorizing the City to execute an Interlocal agreement between the City of Miami and M-DCPS, in the amount of \$235,905 from the District 3 Share of the City of Miami's Anti-Poverty Initiative Program - for the creation of a new permanent local marine service technology program at Lindsey Hopkins Technical College to provide students with maritime skills in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Miami Bayside Foundation, who is a strong District partner, expressed their unequivocal support for the establishment of this valuable training program for our community and has provided \$100,000 to M-DCPS for the creation of the Marine Service Technologies educational training program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Miami River Commission, who is the official coordinating clearinghouse of all public policy and projects related to the Miami River, works to unite all governmental agencies, businesses and residents, was steadfast to express their support for this valuable educational training program. This educational training program was aligned to their strategic plan, the Miami River Corridor Urban Infill Plan, which includes the following recommended goal/action item, "Request the Marine Industry, local and state governments partner to create a marine training and educational facility on or near the River"; and

**WHEREAS**, the District's new Marine Service Technologies Program, will be open its doors at Lindsey Hopkins Technical College on August 22, 2016, where classes are scheduled to commence; and

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 16-076 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the City of Miami, the Miami Bayside Foundation, and the Miami River Commission.

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

**Presented on this thirteenth day of July, A.D. 2016**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary