

Dr. Marta Pérez, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 18-032 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, HONORING FIT KIDS OF AMERICA

COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, INNOVATION, EVALUATION & TECHNOLOGY

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: INFORMED, ENGAGED, AND EMPOWERED STAKEHOLDERS

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Founders Rhonda Smith and Connie Sootin established Fit Kids of America in 1998, due to the growing concern of the health risks associated with overweight, obesity, and sedentary lifestyles of children and teens. Their vision was to create and build key partnerships to support the growth and expansion of affordable high-quality programs.

Fit Kids of America provides programs designed to meet the needs and challenges of our culturally diverse community, and to foster children's educational, physical, social, and emotional development. A myriad of services offered by Fit Kids of America include prime after school enrichment programs comprising of literacy and academic support for school age children, specializing in youth fitness training, nutrition education, and early childhood education.

In 2007, Fit Kids of America was inducted in the Exemplary Dade Partner Hall of Fame. Miami-Dade County Public Schools and Fit Kids of America have enjoyed an extraordinary relationship with the shared vision to "improve the lives of the children and families of our community by motivating participation in healthy and active lifestyle habits for lifelong health and wellness". Founders Ms. Rhonda Smith and Ms. Connie Sootin are to be commended for their commitment and dedication to our community.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. MARTA PÉREZ:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 18-032 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring Fit Kids of America for its contributions to our community.

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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
HONORING FIT KIDS OF AMERICA**

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 18-032 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring Fit Kids of America for its contributions to our community.

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

Presented this sixteenth day of May, A.D. 2018

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary