

Ms. Lubby Navarro, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 18-057 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING BRANDON AND SEBASTIAN MARTINEZ

COMMITTEE: FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: INFORMED, ENGAGED AND EMPOWERED STAKEHOLDERS

Brandon and Sebastian Martinez are two young entrepreneurs who are residents of District 7, in Kendall. In 2013, they started “Are you Kidding Socks” and have inspired kids of all ages to give back to their communities. As the Chief Executive Officer and Director of Sales of their own company at such a young age, they understand entrepreneurs start businesses from passions and as kids they need their parents to show them how to use those passions to shape their future.

Over the course of 5 years, through their charitable spirit, they have raised funds, and awareness, for various local charities in Miami-Dade County. For example, every year, they gather thousands of students from schools across Miami-Dade County to dance in their Live Like Bella socks, in honor of those children battling pediatric cancer. In addition, they have worked in conjunction with various local charities on awareness campaigns such as The Live Like Bella Foundation for pediatric cancer, Autism Speaks Miami, Special Olympics Florida, Big Brothers Big Sisters Miami, and The Breanna Vergara Foundation. Moreover, after Hurricane Irma they visited the shelter at The Fair grounds and hand delivered hundreds of socks and after Hurricane Harvey in Texas, they sent socks to those in need.

Furthermore, their story has been shared locally and nationally from the Miami Herald, Telemundo, Univision, Good Morning America, The Harry Connick Jr. Show, and Entrepreneur.com. They want all parents to see what passions their children have so that they can guide them to follow what they love to do. Sebastian’s quote is “you’re never too old or too young to start a business, you can be 5 or 70” and Brandon’s quote “don’t let anyone stand in the way of your dreams. You can do anything if you believe in yourself.”

Brandon and Sebastian Martinez, are to be commended for their entrepreneurship and support to local charities and students in Miami-Dade County.

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 18-057 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Brandon and Sebastian Martinez.

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RESOLUTION NO. 18-057
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING
RECOGNIZING BRANDON AND SEBASTIAN MARTINEZ

WHEREAS, Brandon and Sebastian Martinez are two young entrepreneurs who are residents of District 7, in Kendall. In 2013, they started “Are you Kidding Socks” and have inspired kids of all ages to give back to their communities. As the Chief Executive Officer and Director of Sales of their own company at such a young age, they understand entrepreneurs start businesses from passions and as kids they need their parents to show them how to use those passions to shape their future; and

WHEREAS, over the course of 5 years, through their charitable spirit, they have raised funds, and awareness, for various local charities in Miami-Dade County. For example, every year, they gather thousands of students from schools across Miami-Dade County to dance in their Live Like Bella socks, in honor of those children battling pediatric cancer. In addition, they have worked in conjunction with various local charities on awareness campaigns such as The Live Like Bella Foundation for pediatric cancer, Autism Speaks Miami, Special Olympics Florida, Big Brothers Big Sisters Miami, and The Breanna Vergara Foundation. Moreover, after Hurricane Irma they visited the shelter at The Fair grounds and hand delivered hundreds of socks and after Hurricane Harvey in Texas, they sent socks to those in need; and

WHEREAS, furthermore, their story has been shared locally and nationally from the Miami Herald, Telemundo, Univision, Good Morning America, The Harry Connick Jr. Show, and Entrepreneur.com. They want all parents to see what passions their children have so that they can guide them to follow what they love to do. Sebastian’s quote is “you’re never too old or too young to start a business, you can be 5 or 70” and Brandon’s quote “don’t let anyone stand in the way of your dreams. You can do anything if you believe in yourself”; and

WHEREAS, Brandon and Sebastian Martinez, are to be commended for their entrepreneurship and support to local charities and students in Miami-Dade County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 18-057 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Brandon and Sebastian Martinez.

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

Presented this fifteenth day of August, A.D. 2018

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary