

Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 18-069 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE EMBRACE GIRLS FOUNDATION**

**COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

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

The Embrace Girls Foundation is a non-profit 501 3c organization dedicated to improving the lives of young girls. Elementary and middle school aged girls are provided with opportunities to meet with mentors, engage in life skills and positive social experiences, receive academic tutoring, and develop leadership skills in an environment that fosters the growth of healthy, confident, and ambitious young ladies. Currently, the program serves over 220 girls in 5 designated sites through Broward and Miami-Dade County.

This past summer, The Embrace Girls Summer Leadership Retreat for Girls, held at Homestead Middle School, provided young ladies an opportunity to engage in thematic learning with a focus on self-empowerment activities. Participants of the three week camp, offered at no cost to students, learned about personal and social media safety, and practiced yoga and mindfulness techniques in addition to character education and life skills. The young ladies were also exposed to unique opportunities to engage in social etiquette through their participation in the foundation's signature "Tea with Me Brunch," which provides an opportunity to practice grace and greetings etiquette and table manners. Girls were also treated to field trips aimed at enhancing their knowledge of skin care, beauty etiquette, personal hygiene, and which included wardrobe and attire consultations from industry professionals.

The camp also emphasized reading and communication skills, language arts, and history through high-interest field trips. Girls were treated to an event at The American Girl store where they participated in a workshop involving the historical reading series of the same name. Another field trip took the young ladies to the Cox Media and WPLG-TV Channel 10 stations where they had the opportunity to meet with media personalities and record their own back to school commercials. STEM-related activities and the development of corresponding skills were also supported through science workshops and a special indoor skydiving field trip. Participants were treated to a 'Beach Bash' and the distribution of backpacks and school supplies to celebrate the end of the summer.

The Embrace Girls Foundation are to be recognized for their commitment to programming that supports the development of healthy, strong, empowered young ladies throughout the year.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**DR. LAWRENCE S. FELDMAN:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 18-069 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing The Embrace Girls Foundation.

**Replacement  
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**RESOLUTION NO. 18-069  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING THE EMBRACE GIRLS FOUNDATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Embrace Girls Foundation is a non-profit 501 3c organization dedicated to improving the lives of young girls. Elementary and middle school aged girls are provided with opportunities to meet with mentors, engage in life skills and positive social experiences, receive academic tutoring, and develop leadership skills in an environment that fosters the growth of healthy, confident, and ambitious young ladies; and

**WHEREAS**, this past summer, The Embrace Girls Summer Leadership Retreat for Girls held at Homestead Middle School provided young ladies an opportunity to engage in thematic learning with a focus on self-empowerment activities. Participants of the three week camp, offered at no cost to students, learned about personal and social media safety, and practiced yoga and mindfulness techniques in addition to character education and life skills; and

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**WHEREAS**, The Embrace Girls Foundation are to be recognized for their commitment to programming that supports the development of healthy, strong, empowered young ladies throughout the year.

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 18-069 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing The Embrace Girls Foundation.

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

**Presented this tenth day of October, A.D. 2018**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary