

Dr. Steve Gallon III, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 19-053 OF THE
SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING BREAKTHROUGH MIAMI FOR THEIR YEARS OF
SERVICE AND COMMITMENT TO THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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

The Miami-Dade County Public Schools is committed to developing and maintaining meaningful partnerships with organizations that assist students in their pursuit of learning and success. The collaboration and engagement of students, parents, and the community is vital and proves why programs such as Breakthrough Miami are critically needed.

Breakthrough Miami, is an award-winning out-of-school academic and social enrichment program which prepares under-resourced students to enter and succeed in college, which was founded in Miami, Florida in 1991.

Breakthrough was named the Best Summer Learning Program in the US by the National Summer Learning Association. Breakthrough's eight-year, tuition-free program uses a students-teaching-students model designed to increase academic opportunity for highly motivated, underserved students and propel them on the trajectory of a successful college path. It also seeks to inspire and develop the next generation of teachers and educational leaders.

Breakthrough Miami is positioned as an opportunity generator to create equitable access to excellent educational resources to 1300 Scholars in grades 5 - 12, who meet two or more of the following need criteria: ethnic/racial minority, qualify for free/reduced lunch, first generation to attend college, primary language other than English and live in a single-parent household.

Breakthrough's eight-year continuous program provides an unparalleled rigorous academic curriculum, complemented by social emotional learning, that progresses and scaffolds to engage and meet students' developmental needs based at each grade level. Proven to address summer learning loss, Breakthrough prepares students to be successful in their academic year ahead with specific grade level coursework that is a preview to what they will receive in their next school year. The school-year program engages students through thematic curriculum by grade level, which is enhanced by partnerships with anchor institutions including universities, museums and historical sites - as well as emerging partner organizations - providing unique hands-on and applied learning experiences.

Breakthrough's success is largely rooted in our students-teaching-students model. The peer mentoring model provides learning benefits to both mentors and mentees, which engages outstanding older students as teachers, mentors, and role models in a summer internship that has been named a Top Ten service-learning experience by The Princeton Review.

Breakthrough provides critical guidance to families to navigate the hundreds of School Choice programs offered by Miami-Dade County Public Schools. The site directors work with families to create portfolios of programs to consider and course selection, ensuring all scholars are enrolled in rigorous curriculum aligned with their interests, strengths and academic plans.

The key indicators from 2019 demonstrate the positive, long-term impact of the Breakthrough Miami model including 100% of seniors graduating on-time and 96% enrolling in college. Over the past 6 years, 19 Scholars received nationally competitive scholarships. More than 80% of Breakthrough Miami alumni are persisting to the second year of college and 63% are graduating college within 6 years.

Breakthrough Miami ensures high-potential students in Miami-Dade benefit from academic enrichment opportunities which empower their scholars to break through social, cultural and economic barriers to success. They will continue to change the story for talented students and propel Breakthrough Scholars on the path to 21st century prosperity and achievement.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. STEVE GALLON III:**

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 19-053 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Breakthrough Miami for their years of service and commitment to the Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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COMMITMENT TO THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, Breakthrough Miami, is an award-winning out-of-school academic and social enrichment program which prepares under-resourced students to enter and succeed in college, that was founded in Miami, FL in 1991; and

WHEREAS, breakthrough was named the Best Summer Learning Program in the US by the National Summer Learning Association, Breakthrough's eight-year, tuition-free program uses a students-teaching-students model designed to increase academic opportunity for highly motivated, underserved students and propel them on the trajectory of a successful college path. It also seeks to inspire and develop the next generation of teachers and educational leaders; and

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WHEREAS, Breakthrough's eight-year continuous program provides an unparalleled rigorous academic curriculum, complemented by social emotional learning, that progresses and scaffolds to engage and meet students' developmental needs based at each grade level. Proven to address summer learning loss, Breakthrough prepares students to be successful in their academic year ahead with specific grade level coursework that is a preview to what they will receive in their next school year. The school-year program engages students through thematic curriculum by grade level, which is enhanced by partnerships with anchor institutions including universities, museums and historical sites - as well as emerging partner organizations - providing unique hands-on and applied learning experiences; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

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

Presented this second day of October, A.D. 2019

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary