

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-10 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE CITY OF HIALEAH, THE FLORIDA MARLINS, AND MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL AND SUPPORTING THE PROPOSED “MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL URBAN YOUTH BASEBALL ACADEMY” IN THE CITY OF HIALEAH

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: ENSURE ACHIEVEMENT OF HIGH ACADEMICS STANDARDS BY ALL STUDENTS

The City of Hialeah, the Florida Marlins, and Major League Baseball (MLB) have agreed to build MLB's second Urban Youth Baseball Academy. The new \$3.2 million MLB Urban Youth Baseball Academy is scheduled to be built as a component of the proposed Florida Marlins stadium project. The state-of-the-art facility, expected to break ground later this year, will provide free baseball and softball instruction for South Florida students ages 7-18. The complex will consist of a show field complete with a scoreboard; seating for 700, with additional space for 1,800 fans; dugouts and lights; and several additional fields and batting cages.

The MLB Urban Youth Baseball Academy aims to create a diversified program that will provide educational opportunities for students in addition to a sports emphasis. Students attending the MLB Urban Youth Baseball Academy will have the opportunity to participate in free seminars on such subjects as athletic sports training, public relations and statistics, sports and broadcast journalism, scouting and player development, athletic field management, and umpiring. The facility will operate year round and is expected to provide services to 2,500 students in its first year of operation. Staff members at the academy will include former major and minor league baseball players.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

MS. PERLA TABARES HANTMAN: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-10 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the City of Hialeah, the Florida Marlins and Major League Baseball and supporting the proposed “Major League Baseball Urban Youth Baseball Academy” in the City of Hialeah.

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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING
THE CITY OF HIALEAH, THE FLORIDA MARLINS, AND MAJOR LEAGUE
BASEBALL AND SUPPORTING THE PROPOSED "MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
URBAN YOUTH BASEBALL ACADEMY" IN THE CITY OF HIALEAH**

WHEREAS, the City of Hialeah, the Florida Marlins, and Major League Baseball (MLB) have agreed to build MLB's second Urban Youth Baseball Academy; and

WHEREAS, the MLB Urban Youth Baseball Academy aims to create a diversified program that will provide educational opportunities for students in addition to a sports emphasis; and

WHEREAS, the state-of-the-art facility will provide free baseball and softball instruction for South Florida students ages 7-18; and

WHEREAS, the complex will consist of a show field complete with scoreboard; seating for 700, with additional space for 1,800 fans; dugouts, lights, several additional fields and batting cages; and

WHEREAS, the facility will be a benefit to the community and is expected to provide services to 2,500 students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-10 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the City of Hialeah, the Florida Marlins, and Major League Baseball and supporting the proposed "Major League Baseball Urban Youth Baseball Academy" in the City of Hialeah.

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

Presented this eleventh day of February, A.D. 2009

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary