

Ms. Raquel A. Regalado, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 11-023 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE DAN MARINO FOUNDATION FOR THEIR EFFORTS AND WORK CONDUCTED IN THE CREATION OF VOCATIONAL AND RECREATIONAL CENTERS FOR TEENS AND YOUNG ADULTS WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AS WELL AS THEIR PHILANTHROPIC ASSISTANCE TO CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS WHO ATTEND MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: STUDENT, PARENT, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Dan Marino Foundation was established in 1992 by Dan and Claire Marino with the goal of "opening doors" toward independence for children with special needs, teenagers transitioning from foster care, and young adults with disabilities. The Foundation fulfills its goals through its support of treatment programs, outreach services, scientific research, as well as employment and transition programs. The Dan Marino Foundation operates several programs including the Miami Children's Hospital Dan Marino Center, Dan Marino Sr. Resource Library, Childnett.tv, Marino Autism Research Institute, and Marino Swim Central Adaptive Aquatics. In addition, the Foundation operates the Supported Training and Employment Program for Special Needs (Summer STEPS), Life Launch, and Kids@Home Future Prep Independent Living Program.

The Summer STEPS program offers teenagers and young adults with developmental disabilities experience in a work environment where they have the opportunity to strengthen their communication, social, and teamwork skills. Interns work for eight weeks in the summer. The Life Launch program provides young adults with developmental disabilities the opportunity to continue their employment experience throughout the year. The Kids@Home Future Prep Independent Living Program provides independent living and self-sufficiency training for young adults who have aged out of foster care. Scheduled to open in 2011, the Dan Marino Foundation Campus One is a vocational and recreational center for teenagers and young adults. The 18,000 square-foot facility will house a fitness center, gymnasium, culinary kitchen, visual art and music studios, game room, and computer lab.

Since its inception, the Dan Marino Foundation has raised more than \$30 million in support of children, teenagers and young adults with special needs. On Saturday, January 29, 2011 the first annual Dan Marino Foundation WalkAbout Autism was held to raise funds for the autism community of South Florida. The Dan Marino Foundation is contributing 25 percent of the gross donations generated by each participating Miami-Dade County school to the schools that participated in the WalkAbout Autism. The net proceeds generated by Miami-Dade's public schools will go directly to direct services associated with the member's needs. The entities that

will be receiving the funds are: University of Miami "CARD" (Center for Autism and Related Disabilities), The Autism Society of Miami-Dade, which provided 9,452 walkers and 389 volunteers, and the Dan Marino Foundation. Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends the Dan Marino Foundation for its support of and commitment to the students, parents, and families of Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. RAQUEL A. REGALADO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-023 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Dan Marino Foundation for their efforts and work conducted in the creation of vocational and recreational centers for teens and young adults with autism spectrum disorders and developmental disabilities as well as their philanthropic assistance to children and teenagers with autism spectrum disorders who attend Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-023
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING THE DAN MARINO FOUNDATION FOR THEIR EFFORTS AND WORK
CONDUCTED IN THE CREATION OF VOCATIONAL AND RECREATIONAL CENTERS FOR
TEENS AND YOUNG ADULTS WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS AND
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AS WELL AS THEIR PHILANTHROPIC ASSISTANCE TO
CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS WHO ATTEND
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, the Dan Marino Foundation was established in 1992 by Dan and Claire Marino with the goal of "opening doors" toward independence for children with special needs, teenagers transitioning from foster care, and young adults with disabilities. The Foundation fulfills its goals through its support of treatment programs, outreach services, scientific research, as well as employment and transition programs; and

WHEREAS, the Dan Marino Foundation operates several programs including the Miami Children's Hospital Dan Marino Center, Dan Marino Sr. Resource Library, Childnett.tv, Marino Autism Research Institute, Marino Swim Central Adaptive Aquatics, Supported Training and Employment Program for Special Needs (Summer STEPS), Life Launch, and Kids@Home Future Prep Independent Living Program; and

WHEREAS, scheduled to open in 2011, the Dan Marino Foundation Campus One is a vocational and recreational center for teenagers and young adults; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, the Dan Marino Foundation has raised more than \$30 million in support of children, teenagers and young adults with special needs; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, January 29, 2011 the first annual Dan Marino Foundation WalkAbout Autism was held to raise funds for the autism community of South Florida. The Dan Marino Foundation is contributing 25 percent of the gross donations generated by each participating Miami-Dade County school to the schools that participated in the WalkAbout Autism; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends the Dan Marino Foundation for its support of and commitment to the students, parents, and families of Miami-Dade County Public Schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-023 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Dan Marino Foundation for their efforts and work conducted in the creation of vocational and recreational centers for teens and young adults with autism spectrum disorders and developmental disabilities as well as their philanthropic assistance to children and teenagers with autism spectrum disorders who attend Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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

Presented this ninth day of February, A.D. 2011

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary