

Ms. Raquel A. Regalado, Board Member

**SUBJECT:                   REQUEST THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, ACCEPT SEVERAL PRIVATE ENTITIES DONATIONS THROUGH THE LEADERSHIP MIAMI PROGRAM TOTALING \$59,693.00 IN CASH AND IN-KIND SERVICES FOR CITRUS GROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**COMMITTEE:               INSTRUCTIONAL   EXCELLENCE    AND   COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

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

Play time is an important part of wellness. It provides children with essential social interaction and balances their academic responsibilities with physical exercise. However, the playground at Citrus Grove Elementary, a school located in District 6, has been condemned for over two years.

In these challenging economic times the District does not have the funds to properly repair and/or replace the playground. As such, the proponent of this action reached out to the private sector in the hopes of securing the funds necessary to provide the children of Citrus Grove Elementary with a playground.

Leadership Miami is an annual program sponsored by the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce and several of Miami-Dade County's premier companies, local agencies and corporations who rose to the challenge. In fact, the Leadership Miami team, Miami Magic Makers (M3), went a step further and took on the goal of implementing a Health and Wellness initiative at Citrus Grove Elementary.

After several meetings and on-site visits it was determined that M3's primary focus would be to replace the existing condemned playground with a new playground for the children of Citrus Grove Elementary. And that other aspects of the Health and Wellness initiative would be to construct a school garden and implement a nutrition component; design and create a Health and Wellness mural; and coordinate a Field Day, connecting health to academics.

To make this possible, M3 has raised \$59,693.00 in cash and in-kind services.

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Private entities and individuals' donations are as follows:

Hunt Construction Group	\$35,000.00
Marlins Community Foundation	\$ 5,000.00
Dade Community Foundation (Knight)	\$ 4,000.00
Odebrecht	\$ 3,500.00
Wells Fargo	\$ 2,500.00
Octavio J Visiedo	\$ 1,000.00
LEA + Elliot Inc	\$ 1,000.00
Florida School Services	\$ 500.00
Bridgerock Holdings	\$ 500.00
Gior Investments	\$ 500.00
Burger King	\$ 500.00
American Airlines	\$ 500.00
Viernes Culturales	\$ 293.00
Caryn Lavernia	\$ 250.00
Gilbert Fiorentino	\$ 100.00
Orland Garcia	\$ 50.00
<b>Cash Donation subtotal:</b>	<b>\$55,193.00</b>
Odebrecht (In-kind service donation to remove existing playground structure)	\$4,500.00
<b>Total Donations:</b>	<b>\$59,693.00</b>

With the committed funding and in kind services related to removing the existing playground structure, the children of Citrus Grove Elementary will be able to have a brand new playground and wellness program without the use of Miami-Dade County School funds.

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

That the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, accept several private entities donations through the Leadership Miami Program totaling \$59,693.00 in cash and in-kind services for Citrus Grove Elementary School.