

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Board Member

**SUBJECT:                   REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 13-125 OF  
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING THE OVERTOWN YOUTH CENTER**

**COMMITTEE:           INSTRUCTIONAL       EXCELLENCE       AND       COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT**

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

What started out as a vision of local real estate developer Martin Z. Margulies the Overtown Youth Center was built with the support of National Basketball Association champion, Alonzo Mourning and the Margulies Foundation with the hope of creating a safe haven for the children in Overtown. Opening in early 2003, the Overtown Youth Center is place that offers several services to its surrounding community in a state-of-the-art facility located in the heart of Miami's inner city.

The Center co-locates academic and recreational activities in a safe environment, working with children, families, and schools from second grade to graduation. After-school services are provided both at the center and within their partner schools and are coordinated closely with in-school. During the after-school hours, students attend daily educational enrichment classes focused on homework assistance, skill building, FCAT preparation, and remediation.

The Overtown Youth Center inspires and empowers youth and families by fostering hope through enrichment services. Programs are designed to engage children in educational and recreational activities that promote physical fitness, nutrition, creative arts and family-oriented and character-building activities, as well as cognitive, motor, social, and emotional development.

The goal of the Overtown Youth Center is to be an integral part of the community by delivering enrichment services that foster hope and promote life-long learning and success for our inner-city youth and citizens.

The Overtown Youth Center is to be commended for its commitment, advocacy and dedication to empowering the children and families in our community.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS-MINDINGALL:**       That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 13-125 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Overtown Youth Center.

**RESOLUTION NO. 13-125  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING THE OVERTOWN YOUTH CENTER**

**WHEREAS**, What started out as a vision of local real estate developer Martin Z. Margulies the Overtown Youth Center was built with the support of National Basketball Association champion, Alonzo Mourning and the Margulies Foundation with the hope of creating a safe haven for the children in Overtown; and

**WHEREAS**, Opening in early 2003, the Overtown Youth Center is place that offers several services to its surrounding community in a state-of-the-art facility located in the heart of Miami's inner city; and

**WHEREAS**, the Center co-locates academic and recreational activities in a safe environment, working with children, families, and schools from second grade to graduation. After-school services are provided both at the center and within their partner schools and are coordinated closely with in-school services. During the after-school hours, students attend daily educational enrichment classes focused on homework assistance, skill building, FCAT preparation, and remediation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Overtown Youth Center inspires and empowers youth and families by fostering hope through enrichment services. Programs are designed to engage children in educational and recreational activities that promote physical fitness, nutrition, creative arts and family-oriented and character-building activities, as well as cognitive, motor, social, and emotional development; and

**WHEREAS**, the goal of the Overtown Youth Center is to be an integral part of the community by delivering enrichment services that foster hope and promote life-long learning and success for our inner-city youth and citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the Overtown Youth Center is to be commended for its commitment, advocacy and dedication to empowering the children and families in our community;

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 13-125 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Overtown Youth Center.

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

**Presented this nineteenth day of November, A.D. 2013**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary