

Ms. Raquel Regalado, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 14-039 OF  
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING THE LAB MIAMI**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT**

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

The LAB Miami is an innovation campus in the heart of Wynwood, Miami's most creative district that drives and supports the growth of city's entrepreneurial ecosystem. The LAB, short for LEARN-ACT-BUILD, serves as the connective agent between stakeholders in the community and connects entrepreneurs with like-minded individuals and organizations.

Cofounders Wifredo Fernandez and Daniel LaFuente converted a 10,000 square-foot warehouse in the Wynwood Arts District into a space that provides workspace, mentorship, and educational programming as a means of catalyzing the startup ecosystem in South Florida.

Mr. Fernandez is a social entrepreneur and professor at Miami Dade College and a visiting fellow on Social Entrepreneurship at the University of Miami's School of Law. Mr. LaFuente is The LAB's chief financial officer. Prior to this, he worked for the Cuban American National Foundation and the Foundation for Human Rights in Cuba, where he authored multiple successful grants for human rights development in Cuba.

South Florida is getting its first coding school, *Wyncode*, a nine-week, full-time development camp at The LAB Miami. Wyncode will teach students computer coding and how to create their own web applications. The LAB Miami staff believes that a boot camp environment is the best way to learn practical and relevant coding skills quickly. In total, The LAB Miami has serviced 235 Miami-Dade County Public Schools students.

The School Board commends The LAB Miami for serving as a connective agent between stakeholders in the community.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**MS. RAQUEL REGALADO:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 14-039 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing The Lab Miami.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 14-039  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING THE LAB MIAMI**

**WHEREAS**, The LAB Miami is an innovation campus in the heart of Wynwood, Miami's most creative district that drives and supports the growth of city's entrepreneurial ecosystem; and

**WHEREAS**, The LAB, short for LEARN-ACT-BUILD, serves as the connective agent between stakeholders in the community and connects entrepreneurs with like-minded individuals and organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, cofounders Wifredo Fernandez and Daniel LaFuente converted a 10,000 square-foot warehouse in the Wynwood Arts District into a space that provides workspace, mentorship, and educational programming as a means of catalyzing the startup ecosystem in South Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Fernandez is a social entrepreneur and professor at Miami Dade College and a visiting fellow on Social Entrepreneurship at the University of Miami's School of Law; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. LaFuente is The LAB's chief financial officer. Prior to this, he worked for the Cuban American National Foundation and the Foundation for Human Rights in Cuba, where he authored multiple successful grants for human rights development in Cuba; and

**WHEREAS**, South Florida is getting its first coding school, *Wyncode*, a nine-week, full-time development camp at The LAB Miami, which will teach students computer coding and how to create their own web applications. In total, The LAB Miami has serviced 235 Miami-Dade County Public Schools students; and

**WHEREAS**, the School Board commends The LAB Miami for serving as a connective agent between stakeholders in the community;

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 14-039 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing The LAB Miami.

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

**Presented this ninth day of April, A.D. 2014**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary