

Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, Vice Chair

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 15-059
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING KiDZ NEUROSCIENCE CENTER**

**COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL SERVICES AND STUDENT AND SCHOOL
SUPPORT**

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

The KiDZ Neuroscience Center, housed at the Miami Project to Cure Paralysis on the campus of the Miller School of Medicine at the University of Miami, is dedicated to reducing the number of children and adolescents that sustain brain and spinal cord injuries and is comprised of a number of programs that includes clinical management, research, outreach, training and education to prevent injuries that occur in daily life. Under the direction of Dr. Gillian A. Hotz, the center promotes safety through four major injury prevention programs: WalkSafe, BikeSafe, SkateSafe, and UConcussion. These programs span the journey from early childhood to teenage years and are developed with evidence-based methods and lessons.

The UConcussion program provides a comprehensive concussion management and treatment program for athletes from youth to the pros. They implement and evaluate a countywide concussion management program that includes most high school athletes in Miami-Dade County. Incorporating innovative research and community outreach, the program strives to improve concussion management and awareness of athletic concussions. They offer workshops that educate athletes, athletic trainers, physical education teachers, parents, coaches, nurses and doctors about concussion protocol as well as how to identify a possible concussion in an athlete. The program has partnered with Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) to provide school personnel with training and updates on the identification and treatment of head injuries and school-site concussion management programs. Additionally, they conduct input training of head injury data, as recorded within the Injury Surveillance System, for research and evaluation purposes. Thanks to the efforts of The KiDZ Neuroscience Center UConcussion program, the M-DCPS Concussion Program includes a comprehensive approach to the identification and treatment of head injuries.

The KiDZ Neuroscience Center's efforts and generous donation allows for our high schools' athletic trainer programs to effectively address and track head and brain injuries sustained during district sponsored athletic events and is to be commended for protecting the health and well-being of the students of Miami-Dade County Public Schools and the community through its education and outreach efforts.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. LAWRENCE S. FELDMAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 15-059 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing KiDZ Neuroscience Center.

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-059
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING KiDZ NEUROSCIENCE CENTER**

WHEREAS, The KiDZ Neuroscience Center, housed at the Miami Project to Cure Paralysis on the campus of the Miller School of Medicine at the University of Miami, is dedicated to reducing the number of children and adolescents that sustain brain and spinal cord injuries and is comprised of a number of programs that includes clinical management, research, outreach, training and education to prevent injuries that occur in daily life; and

WHEREAS, under the direction of Dr. Gillian A. Hotz, the center promotes safety through four major injury prevention programs; WalkSafe, BikeSafe, SkateSafe, and UConcussion. These programs span the journey from early childhood to teenage years and are developed with evidence-based methods and lessons; and

WHEREAS, The UConcussion program provides a comprehensive concussion management and treatment program for athletes from youth to the pros. They implement and evaluate a countywide concussion management program that includes most high school athletes in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, The program has partnered with Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) to provide school personnel with updates and training on the identification and treatment of head injuries and school-site concussion management programs. Additionally, they conduct input training of head injury data, as recorded within the Injury Surveillance System, for research and evaluation purposes; and

WHEREAS, The KiDZ Neuroscience Center's efforts and generous donation allows for our high schools' athletic trainer programs to effectively address and track head and brain injuries sustained during district sponsored athletic events and is to be commended for protecting the health and well-being of the students of Miami-Dade County Public Schools and the community through its education and outreach efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 15-059 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing KiDZ Neuroscience Center.

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

Presented this fifteenth day of July, A.D. 2015

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary