

Ms. Raquel Regalado, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 16-004 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, HONORING EDUCATOR KRIS GROBINS

COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, EVALUATION AND TECHNOLOGY

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: HIGHLY EFFECTIVE TEACHERS, LEADERS AND STAFF

Kris Quigley Grobins is a dedicated educator who has served the students and families in both Miami-Dade and Broward Counties where she specializes in the field of ESE focusing on students with Autism and related disorders. Descending from a long line of educators, Ms. Quigley Grobins witnessed first-hand the power a caring teacher can have on a student. She often watched her father interact with his hearing-impaired students, an experience that sparked her interest in working with special-needs children. She recently graduated from Kaplan University and upon graduation plans on working toward her doctoral degree.

In addition to being a gifted educator, Ms. Quigley Grobins is a long-time dancer and ice skater. She has managed to incorporate her athletic skills with her educational passion. For the past 15 years, she has been an ice skating instructor at Pines Ice Arena in Pembroke Pines. Ms. Quigley Grobins runs an ice skating program for children with autism which serves as a form of therapy. Children learn more than skating, they also learn important social skills and body awareness.

Coach Kris, as she's affectionately called, guides her students through the basic skating skills. Past students have participated in the U.S. Figure Skating South Florida Basic Skills Series where they performed an ice skating routine and are then judged on their choreography, technique and grasp of the basic skills. The program allows students to reach milestones and receive instruction outside of the classroom in a more social setting. She most recently hosted a Best Buddies event that brought together ESE students, general students and University of Miami hockey players.

Kris Quigley Grobins exemplifies the principles of compassion, knowledge and equality. She has positively impacted children with autism and their families through her work as an educator and skating coach.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

MS. RAQUEL REGALADO: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 16-004 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring educator Kris Grobins.

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-004
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
HONORING EDUCATOR KRIS GROBINS**

WHEREAS, Kris Quigley Grobins is a dedicated educator who has served the students and families in both Miami-Dade and Broward Counties where she specializes in the field of ESE focusing on students with Autism and related disorders; and

WHEREAS, descending from a long line of educators, Ms. Quigley Grobins witnessed first-hand the power a caring teacher can have on a student. She often watched her father interact with his hearing-impaired students, an experience that sparked her interest in working with special-needs children; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being a gifted educator, Ms. Quigley Grobins is a long-time dancer and ice skater. She has managed to incorporate her athletic skills with her educational passion. For the past 15 years, she has been an ice skating instructor at Pines Ice Arena in Pembroke Pines; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Quigley Grobins runs an ice skating program for children with autism which serves as a form of therapy. Children learn more than skating, they also learn important social skills and body awareness; and

WHEREAS, Coach Kris, as she's affectionately called, guides her students through the basic skating skills. Past students have participated in the U.S. Figure Skating South Florida Basic Skills Series where they performed an ice skating routine and are then judged on their choreography, technique and grasp of the basic skills. The program allows students to reach milestones and receive instruction outside of the classroom in a more social setting; and

WHEREAS, Kris Quigley Grobins exemplifies the principles of compassion, knowledge and equality. She has positively impacted children with autism and their families through her work as an educator and skating coach.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 16-004 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring educator Kris Grobins.

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

Presented this thirteenth day of January, A.D. 2016

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary