Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Vice Chair

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 16-006 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING GREATER MIAMI LINKS

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: INFORMED, ENGAGED & EMPOWERED STAKEHOLDERS

The Links, Incorporated is an international, not-for-profit corporation, established in 1946. The membership consists of nearly 14,000 professional women of color in 282 chapters located in 41 states, the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of the Bahamas. It is one of the nation's oldest and largest volunteer service organizations of extraordinary women who are committed to enriching, sustaining and ensuring the culture and economic survival of African Americans and other persons of African ancestry.

Greater Miami Links, a local chapter of the national organization, is a dedicated group of women committed to public service and non-partisan volunteer opportunities for women, youth, and the elderly in the Greater Miami community. The Links has attracted many distinguished women who are individual achievers and have made a difference in their communities and the world. They are business and civic leaders, role models, mentors, activists and volunteers who work towards a common vision by engaging like-minded organizations and individuals for partnership.

Programs such as Healthy Choices, Lean Forward with Mentoring, Reading Pals, and Classics Through the Ages, to name a few, are immeasurable benefits to our community and children. The positive impacts that The Greater Miami Links continue to do for our children cannot go unnoticed and they are to be commended for their service.

The School Board commends The Greater Miami Links on their public service and commitment to the citizens of Miami-Dade County and the state of Florida.

ACTION PROPOSED BY DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS-MINDINGALL:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 16-006 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing The Greater Miami Links.

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RESOLUTION NO. 16-006 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING GREATER MIAMI LINKS

WHEREAS, The Links, Incorporated is an international, not-for-profit corporation, established in 1946, consisting of nearly 14,000 professional women of color in 282 chapters located in 41 states, the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of the Bahamas; and

WHEREAS, it is one of the nation's oldest and largest volunteer service organizations of extraordinary women who are committed to enriching, sustaining and ensuring the culture and economic survival of African Americans and other persons of African ancestry; and

WHEREAS, Greater Miami Links, a local chapter of the national organization, is a dedicated group of women committed to public service and non-partisan volunteer opportunities for women, youth, and the elderly in the Greater Miami community; and

WHEREAS, The Links has attracted many distinguished women who are individual achievers and have made a difference in their communities and the world. They are business and civic leaders, role models, mentors, activists and volunteers who work towards a common vision by engaging like-minded organizations and individuals for partnership; and

WHEREAS, programs supported by The Links such as Healthy Choices, Lean Forward with Mentoring, Reading Pals, and Classics Through the Ages bring many immeasurable benefits to our community and have a positive impact on our children.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 16-006 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Greater Miami Links.

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