

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Vice Chair

Co-Sponsor: Ms. Susie Castillo, Board Member } Added

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 16-007  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,  
FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING LOTUS HOUSE**

**COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS, AND  
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC  
BLUEPRINT: INFORMED, ENGAGED & EMPOWERED STAKEHOLDERS**

Lotus House's mission is to improve the lives of homeless women, youth and children by providing sanctuary, support, education, tools and resources that empower them to improve the quality of their lives on every level, achieve greater self-sufficiency, and build safe, secure lives.

In order to support this mission, Lotus House advocates on behalf of homeless women, youth, and children to raise awareness of their special needs, and inspire innovative and holistic solutions that truly break the cycle of childhood abuse, domestic violence, and homelessness.

Every homeless woman, youth, and child who enters Lotus House has the opportunity to heal, learn, and grow, build the foundation for a brighter future, and blossom into who they are truly meant to be. This Lotus House was a community partner during Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week. We want to commend Lotus House for their work with the homeless and betterment of the lives of women and children.

The School Board commends Lotus House for their service in the community and 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. 16-007 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Lotus House.

**Revised  
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**RESOLUTION NO. 16-007  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING LOTUS HOUSE**

**WHEREAS**, Lotus House’s mission is to improve the lives of homeless women, youth and children by providing sanctuary, support, education, tools and resources that empower them to improve the quality of their lives on every level, achieving greater self-sufficiency, and building safe, and secured lives; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to support this mission, Lotus House advocates on behalf of homeless women, youth, and children to raise awareness of their special needs, and inspire innovative and holistic solutions that truly break the cycle of childhood abuse, domestic violence, and homelessness; and

**WHEREAS**, every homeless woman, youth, and child who enters Lotus House has the opportunity to heal, learn, grow, and build the foundation for a brighter future, and blossom into who they are truly meant to be; and

**WHEREAS**, Lotus House was a community partner during Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week. We want to commend Lotus House for their work with the homeless and betterment of the lives of women and children of Miami-Dade County and the State of Florida;

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No.16-007 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Lotus House.

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

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary

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