

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Vice Chair

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 16-026 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE MIAMI CENTRAL SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM**

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

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

Fifty-seven years ago, Miami Central Senior High School was founded in Miami-Dade County, Florida. The school's mascot and colors were chosen in honor of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) program, which had then recently been created in 1959.

The "Rockets" strive to cultivate a climate of positive change and institute a legacy of superior academic achievement. Extra-curricular activities, including athletics, are provided to guide students on the pathway of success.

The Miami Central Senior High School Football Program promotes positive youth development and encourages healthy adolescence with a competitive spirit. The football team earned the honor of participating in the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) state championships for six consecutive years.

During the 2015-2016 school year, the Miami Central Senior High School Football Team achieved a 12-2 record and won their fifth state FHSAA championship. Four of the championship titles were earned consecutively.

In addition to being superb athletes, a number of players obtain scholarships and matriculate at post-secondary institutions where they have the opportunity to continue playing football while working towards a college degree.

The School Board commends the Miami Central Senior High School Rockets Football team for their perseverance and stellar achievements on and off the gridiron.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS-MINDINGALL:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 16-026 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Miami Central Senior High School Football Team.

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-026  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING THE MIAMI CENTRAL SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM**

**WHEREAS**, fifty-seven years ago, Miami Central Senior High School was founded in Miami-Dade County, Florida. The school's mascot and colors were chosen in honor of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) program, which had then recently been created in 1959; and

**WHEREAS**, the "Rockets" strive to cultivate a climate of positive change and institute a legacy of superior academic achievement. Extra-curricular activities, including athletics, are provided to guide students on the pathway of success; and

**WHEREAS**, the Miami Central Senior High School Football Program promotes positive youth development and encourages healthy adolescence with a competitive spirit; and

**WHEREAS**, the football team earned the honor of participating in the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) state championships for six consecutive years. During the 2015-2016 school year, the Central High football team achieved a 12-2 record and won its fifth state FHSAA championship. Four of the championship titles were earned consecutively; and

**WHEREAS**, In addition to being superb athletes, a number of players obtain scholarships and matriculate at post-secondary institutions where they have the opportunity to continue playing football while working towards a college degree; and

**WHEREAS**, the School Board commends the Miami Central Senior High School Rockets Football team for their perseverance and stellar achievements on and off the gridiron.

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 16-028 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing The Miami Central Senior High School Football Team.

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

**Presented this ninth day of March, A.D. 2016**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary