

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Vice Chair

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 16-041
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING BLACKTECH WEEK**

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

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

Created two years ago, Blacktech Week has provided more impactful programming surrounding Black History Month, in addition to honoring innovators and programmers of color. The week includes events that emphasize creativity, technology and innovation to establish a meaningful conversation regarding the current state of tech issues in South Florida.

Blacktech Week is the brain child of Felecia Hatcher and Derick Pearson, the creators of Code Fever, a nonprofit organization committed to educate students in low-income communities about coding and entrepreneurship. Blacktech Week focuses on the future of coding and programming to cultivate a more diverse environment for generations to come. The event provides a much-needed platform to recognize and support innovation and promote important dialogue.

Blacktech Week and its organizers Felecia Hatcher and Derick Pearson are to be commended for encouraging youth to consider careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Their entrepreneurial vision ensures that children of color are well-represented in the next generation of tech professionals.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS-MINDINGALL: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 16-041 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Blacktech Week.

**Replacement
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**RESOLUTION NO. 16-041
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING BLACKTECH WEEK**

WHEREAS, created two years ago, Blacktech Week has provided more impactful programming surrounding Black History Month, in addition to honoring innovators and programmers of color; and

WHEREAS, the week includes events that emphasize creativity, technology and innovation to establish a meaningful conversation regarding the current state of tech issues in South Florida; and

WHEREAS, Blacktech Week is the brain child of Felecia Hatcher and Derick Pearson, the creators of Code Fever, a nonprofit organization committed to educate students in low-income communities about coding and entrepreneurship; and

WHEREAS, Blacktech Week focuses on the future of coding and programming to cultivate a more diverse environment for generations to come. The event provides a much-needed platform to recognize and support innovation and promote important dialogue; and

WHEREAS, Blacktech Week and its organizers Felecia Hatcher and Derick Pearson are to be commended for encouraging youth to consider careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Their entrepreneurial vision ensures that children of color are well-represented in the next generation of tech professionals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 16-041 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Blacktech Week.

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

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

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary