

Dr. Wilbert "Tee" Holloway, Board Member

**SUBJECT:                   REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 16-061  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,  
FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING BILZIN SUMBERG FOR THEIR  
COMMUNITY WORK WITH THE SCHOOLS IN DISTRICT 1**

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

**LINK TO STRATEGIC  
BLUEPRINT:               SAFE,   HEALTHY   AND   SUPPORTIVE   LEARNING  
ENVIRONMENT**

The purpose of this Board item is to provide Board recognition to the law firm of Bilzin Sumberg for its community work with a local school.

The Bilzin Law Firm has partnered with Scott Lake Elementary, a Montessori magnet school with a speech and language special education program located in Miami Gardens, Florida, in an initiative called Bilzin Sumberg Cares which calls for physical improvements of the school through the participation of firm volunteers and the use of financial resources underwritten by the law firm for that purpose.

On Saturday, February 20 of the current year, as part of the Bilzin Sumberg Cares community involvement initiative, 100 employees of the law firm including attorneys, staff and their families gathered at the school with paintbrushes, gardening tools and smiles for Bilzin Sumberg Cares Project Day. This is the firm's ninth Project Day, an annual event in which the firm partners with a local organization for a day of philanthropic outreach. Bilzin Sumberg employees and their families assisted with painting murals, building new seating throughout the school, planting in the gardens, and revamping the basketball court.

Scott Lake Elementary School's goal is to work in collaborative partnerships with all stakeholders, including parents, business liaisons, and community partners to create an environment where students are empowered to discover their strengths and to achieve their maximum potential through the implementation of a rigorous standards-based curriculum.

The Bilzin Sumberg Cares initiative provides the Bilzin Sumberg community with volunteer opportunities to work together to benefit charitable organizations in South Florida and beyond. Bilzin Sumberg has partnered with numerous non-profit organizations including the Miami-Dade Special Olympics, United Way of Miami-Dade, Habitat for Humanity, Voices for Children Foundation and Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America.

Bilzin Sumberg is a commercial law firm based in Florida. The firm's core practices include Business Finance & Restructuring, Corporate, Environmental, International, Land Development & Government Relations, Litigation, Real Estate and Tax. For more information, please visit [bilzin.com](http://bilzin.com).

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**DR. WILBERT "TEE" HOLLOWAY:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida approve Resolution No. 16-061 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Bilzin Sumberg for their community work.

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-061**  
**OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,**  
**RECOGNIZING BILZIN SUMBERG FOR THEIR COMMUNITY WORK**

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of this Board item is to provide Board recognition to the law firm of Bilzin Sumberg for their community work with a local school; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bilzin Sumberg Law Firm has partnered with Scott Lake Elementary, a Montessori magnet school with a speech and language special education program, in an initiative called Bilzin Sumberg Cares which calls for physical improvements of the school through the participation of firm volunteers and the use of financial resources underwritten by the law firm for that purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, on Saturday, February 20 of the current year, as part of the Bilzin Sumberg Cares community involvement initiative, 100 employees of the law firm including attorneys, staff and their families gathered at the school with paintbrushes, gardening tools and smiles for Bilzin Sumberg Cares Project Day; and

**WHEREAS**, this was the firm's ninth Project Day, an annual event in which the firm partners with a local organization for a day of philanthropic outreach. Bilzin Sumberg employees and their families assisted with painting murals, building new seating throughout the school, planting in the gardens, and revamping the basketball court; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bilzin Sumberg Cares initiative provides the Bilzin Sumberg community with volunteer opportunities to work together to benefit charitable organizations in South Florida, partnering with numerous non-profit organizations including the Miami-Dade Special Olympics, United Way of Miami-Dade, Habitat for Humanity, Voices for Children Foundation and Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America;

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 16-061 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida recognizing Bilzin Sumberg for their community work.

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

**Presented on this twenty-second day of June, A.D. 2016**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary