

Ms. Susie V. Castillo, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 16-091 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE LATIN GRAMMY CULTURAL FOUNDATION**

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

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In 2014, as part of the 15th anniversary celebration of the Latin GRAMMY Awards, The Latin Recording Academy established a charitable foundation called the Latin GRAMMY Cultural Foundation (LGCF). The foundation was established to promote international awareness and appreciation of the significant contributions of Latin music and its creators to the world's culture, and to protect its rich legacy and heritage. The foundation's primary charitable focus is to provide scholarships to students of Latin music with financial needs, as well as grants to scholars and organizations worldwide for the research and preservation of diverse Latin music genres.

Through scholarships, fellowships, grants and education programs, the Latin GRAMMY Cultural Foundation furthers international awareness and appreciation of Latin music and artists. Scholarship awards of the foundation are offered to exceptional music students interested in Latin music with financial limitations that prevent them from studying at prestigious music institutions.

Each year, the foundation conducts various educational programs, such as the Latin GRAMMY in the Schools, that often include music instrument donations to schools in need, and other educational activities. The Latin GRAMMY in the Schools is a program that brings artists and music professionals to schools to interact and share their personal stories and musical experiences with students. The program emphasizes the effort and perseverance needed to overcome the obstacles and barriers in the music industry, and the need to optimize educational opportunities and academic instruction in the same.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY:  
MS. SUSIE V. CASTILLO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 16-091 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Latin GRAMMY Cultural Foundation.

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-091  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING THE LATIN GRAMMY CULTURAL FOUNDATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Latin GRAMMY Cultural Foundation was established in 2014 to promote international awareness and appreciation of Latin music and the contributions of its creators to the world's culture; and

**WHEREAS**, through various scholarships, fellowships, grants and education programs, the foundation furthers international awareness and appreciation of Latin music and culture; and

**WHEREAS**, one of the Latin GRAMMY Cultural Foundation's premier educational programs, Latin GRAMMY in the Schools, brings artists and music professionals directly to schools to interact and share their personal stories and musical career experiences with students; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2015 the Latin GRAMMY Cultural Foundation visited Southwood Middle School Center for the Arts, with Latin GRAMMY® winner Fonseca and Univision personality Lili Estefan, making a donation of \$20,000 worth of instruments to the school's music program, in partnership with the Ford Motor Company Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, earlier this year, the Latin GRAMMY in the Schools program also visited Ronald W. Reagan/Doral Senior High School, with Latin GRAMMY® winning artists Chino y Nacho and Univision anchor Chiquinquirá Delgado, making a donation of \$20,000 worth of instruments to the school's music program, also in partnership with the Ford Motor Company Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, their contributions serve to encourage, challenge, and inspire new generations of music students to further develop and showcase their talent; and

**WHEREAS**, the Latin GRAMMY Cultural Foundation is deserving of gratitude and recognition for their generosity and unwavering commitment to promoting and enriching Latin music education in our community and schools.

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 16-091 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Latin GRAMMY Cultural Foundation.

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

**Presented this seventh day of September, A.D. 2016**

**THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary