

Dr. Martin Karp, Board Member

**SUBJECT:** REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 17-012 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING SOUTH FLORIDA DIGITAL ALLIANCE AND MR. JAMES E. OSTEEN, JR.

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

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

The South Florida Digital Alliance Inc. (SFDA) was incorporated as a non-profit 501(c)(3) charitable foundation in 2009 through a generous grant from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation. SFDA is designed to stimulate anchor institutions to connect to the internet and each other in order to enhance the quality of life for all segments of our community. SFDA's mission is to expand digital literacy and provide connectivity to all citizens regardless of income level, throughout South Florida. They believe that digital literacy is the single most critical educational tool for future generations.

The South Florida Digital Alliance Inc. is a nonprofit association of local anchor institutions representing government, healthcare, education, nonprofit organizations and the private sector.

The SFDA was recognized as the Organization of the Year by the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce Technology Committee in 2013 for their philanthropic efforts and ongoing commitment to our community

One of SFDA's major initiatives is Reboot: the collection and refurbishment of donated computers. These resources are then shared with schools, public parks, senior centers, and community organizations to support educational programs and enhance digital literacy.

The REBOOT INITIATIVE of the SFDA works with community partners to collect and refurbish donated computers and equipment, placing them back into the community to support the programs of educational and not-for-profit organizations. Since November 2015 up to the present, SFDA has donated 225 desktops/computers to eight Miami-Dade County Public Schools with the most recent donations to Nautilus Middle School and Treasure Island Elementary School.

SFDA is to be commended for their commitment toward the elimination of the "digital divide" in South Florida while enhancing the lives of the youth in Miami-Dade County.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY DR. MARTIN KARP:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 17-012 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing South Florida Digital Alliance and Mr. James E. Osteen, Jr.

**Replacement  
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**RESOLUTION NO. 17-012  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING SOUTH FLORIDA DIGITAL ALLIANCE AND  
MR. JAMES E. OSTEEN, JR.**

**WHEREAS**, the South Florida Digital Alliance Inc. (SFDA) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) charitable foundation whose mission is to expand digital literacy and provide connectivity to all citizens regardless of income level, throughout South Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, the SFDA was recognized as the Organization of the Year by the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce Technology Committee in 2013 for their philanthropic efforts and ongoing commitment to the community; and

**WHEREAS**, one of SFDA's major initiatives is Reboot: the collection and refurbishment of donated computers. These resources are then shared with schools, public parks, senior centers, and community organizations to support educational programs and enhance digital literacy; and

**WHEREAS**, the REBOOT INITIATIVE of the SFDA works with community partners to collect and refurbish donated computers and equipment, placing them back into the community to support the programs of educational and not-for-profit organizations ; and

**WHEREAS**, since November 2015, SFDA has donated 225 desktops/computers to eight Miami-Dade County Public Schools with the most recent donations to Nautilus Middle School and Treasure Island Elementary School.

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 17-012 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida recognizing South Florida Digital Alliance and Mr. James E. Osteen, Jr.

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

**Presented this twenty-fifth day of January, A.D. 2017**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary