

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 17-041 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FLORIDA, HONORING THE YMCA OF SOUTH FLORIDA – AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

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

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

The Young Men’s Christian Association (YMCA), founded over 171 years ago, is the nation’s leading nonprofit for strengthening communities through programs and services that nurture and enrich youth, promotes healthy living and embed the ideals of social responsibility. Almost 100 years ago, the Y opened its first location in South Florida, known as the YMCA of Miami, and then expanded in 1944 to create the YMCA of Broward County. In 2015, the two merged to become the YMCA of South Florida, building its capacity and shared resources to offer more programs, services and initiatives focused on youth development, healthy living and social responsibility, according to the unique needs of the communities it engages.

The YMCA of South Florida is one of the largest providers of child-care services, including pre-school and before & after-school care programs in both counties. The Y is a diverse organization joined together by a shared commitment to nurturing the potential of children, promoting healthy living and fostering a sense of social responsibility.

Currently, the Y’s Youth Development Department is the provider for Out of School programs at 50 Miami-Dade County Public Schools and 3 private schools in Miami-Dade County. Within M-DCPS District 2, the Y currently serves nine public school sites: Comstock Elementary, Fredrick Douglas Elementary, Gratigny Elementary, Jesse J. McCray Elementary, Maya Angelou Elementary, Paul Laurence Dunbar Elementary, Phillis Wheatley Elementary, Carrie P. Meek Elementary, and Morningside Elementary. Additionally, YMCA manages four Preschools – three in Miami-Dade County. Most notably, all of the Y’s Miami-Dade preschool programs are Apple Accredited.

Y programs offer project-based learning, academic enrichment, life-skills education, physical fitness, nutrition education, service learning, sports, dance and cheerleading programs. During the Spring Camp and Summer Camp programs, the Y offers Water Safety Activities (encompassing both drowning prevention education and swimming lessons). Y programs have not only evolved to accommodate the growing number of working families, regardless of financial status, but to also embrace the philosophy that everyone benefits when children of all levels and abilities feel safe and included.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS-MINDINGALL:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 17-041 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida honoring The YMCA of South Florida – After School Care.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 17-041  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
HONORING THE YMCA OF SOUTH FLORIDA – AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

**WHEREAS**, The Young Men’s Christian Association (YMCA), founded over 171 years ago, is the nation’s leading nonprofit for strengthening communities through programs and services that nurture and enrich youth, promotes healthy living and embed the ideals of social responsibility. Almost 100 years ago, the Y opened its first location in South Florida, known as the YMCA of Miami, and then expanded in 1944 to create the YMCA of Broward County. In 2015, the two merged to become the YMCA of South Florida, building its capacity and shared resources to offer more programs, services and initiatives focused on youth development, healthy living and social responsibility, according to the unique needs of the communities it engages; and

**WHEREAS**, The YMCA of South Florida is one of the largest providers of child-care services, including pre-school and before & after-school care programs in both counties. The Y is a diverse organization joined together by a shared commitment to nurturing the potential of children, promoting healthy living and fostering a sense of social responsibility; and

**WHEREAS**, Currently, the Y’s Youth Development Department is the provider for Out of School programs at 50 Miami-Dade County Public Schools and 3 private schools in Miami-Dade County. Within M-DCPS District 2, the Y currently serves nine public school sites: Comstock Elementary, Fredrick Douglas Elementary, Gratigny Elementary, Jesse J. McCray Elementary, Maya Angelou Elementary, Paul Laurence Dunbar Elementary, Phillis Wheatley Elementary, Carrie P. Meek Elementary, and Morningside Elementary. Additionally, YMCA manages four Preschools – three in Miami-Dade County. Most notably, all of the Y’s Miami-Dade preschool programs are Apple Accredited; and

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 17-041 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring The YMCA of South Florida – After School Care.

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

**Presented this fifth day of April, A.D. 2017**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary