

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 17-042 OF
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FLORIDA,
HONORING THE JONATHAN SPIKES FOUNDATION**

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

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

South Florida native son, Jonathan Spikes is a multi-talented writer, motivational speaker, cancer survivor and founder of the Jonathan Spikes Foundation, Inc. Reared in Miami, Florida for most of his life, Jonathan has had the opportunity to experience many things both positive and challenging, which have helped him to define his own way and chart his own course.

The Jonathan Spikes Foundation, Inc. was founded in order to create an organization with support services that cater to the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual wellbeing of youth in Miami-Dade County. Mr. Spikes, a survivor of trauma, witnessed the shooting of his brother when he was 6 years old, and the loss of his second brother at 21. This fueled his desire and commitment to help youth not meet the same fate as his brothers. The Jonathan Spikes Foundation has created a program with a team of clinical psychologists to create the Let's Talk It Out Anti-Bully/Conflict Resolution Program; taught in Miami-Dade County Public Schools in 2012 through the Educational Transformation Office. During October 2014, the program was promoted by the Florida Department of Education.

In February 2015, the foundation expanded its services to include the Affirming Youth Behavioral Health Clinic. He also launched the Affirming Youth Leadership Program, a cross-disciplinary, emotional intelligence and emotional regulation program that increases knowledge, skills, work habits, and character traits in critical thinking, self-initiative, and group collaboration.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS-MINDINGALL:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 17-042 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida honoring The Jonathan Spikes Foundation.

**RESOLUTION NO. 17-042
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
HONORING THE JONATHAN SPIKES FOUNDATION**

WHEREAS, South Florida native son, Jonathan Spikes is a multi-talented writer, motivational speaker, cancer survivor and founder of the Jonathan Spikes Foundation, Inc. Reared in Miami, Florida for most of his life, Jonathan has had the opportunity to experience many things both positive and challenging, which have helped him to define his own way and chart his own course.

WHEREAS, the Jonathan Spikes Foundation, Inc. was founded in order to create an organization with support services that cater to the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual wellbeing of youth in Miami-Dade County. Mr. Spikes, a survivor of trauma, witnessed the shooting of his brother when he was 6 years old, and the loss of his second brother at 21. This fueled his desire and commitment to help youth not meet the same fate as his brothers. The Jonathan Spikes Foundation has created a program with a team of clinical psychologists to create the Let's Talk It Out Anti-Bully/Conflict Resolution Program; taught in Miami Dade County Public Schools in 2012 through the Educational Transformation Office. During October 2014, the program was promoted by the Florida Department of Education.

WHEREAS, in February 2015, the foundation expanded its services to include the Affirming Youth Behavioral Health Clinic. He also launched the Affirming Youth Leadership Program, a cross-disciplinary, emotional intelligence and emotional regulation program that increases knowledge, skills, work habits, and character traits in critical thinking, self-initiative, and group collaboration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 17-042 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring The Jonathan Spikes Foundation.

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

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary