

Dr. Marta Pérez, Vice Chair

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 17-051 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE VETERINARY SCIENCE MAGNET PROGRAM AT JOHN A. FERGUSON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, EVALUATION, AND TECHNOLOGY

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

The veterinary science magnet program at John A. Ferguson Senior High School is one of the most successful at the school, attracting numerous applicants every year.

The 310 students in the program learn to care for the animals kept onsite, featuring chickens, goats, rabbits and even a steer. They participate in a host of activities with veterinary hospitals and clinics, rescue organizations, Zoo Miami, and Future Farmers of America (FFA). To date, 92 students have graduated with the additional certification of Certified Veterinary Assistant. The school is proud to boast a 100% passing rate for the past five years.

Students have the opportunity to begin employment as a Certified Veterinary Assistant at the veterinary clinics they volunteered with during the course of their high school career. Hands-on experience throughout high school allows them a head start when entering college, opening the doors to multiple opportunities in the animal and agricultural industries. Former students in the school's alumni chapter have procured positions at various veterinary hospitals around the state of Florida, work as pharmaceutical representatives for animal technologies, and even manage animal hospitals.

The students participate in numerous competitions and have excelled in various areas, winning a steady stream of prizes, which include:

- National Agricultural Proficiency Winner in Veterinary Science;
- National Chapter Winners two years in a row - only chapters ever in Miami Dade;
- First place in the State of Florida in the Horse Judging Competition;
- Second and Third place in Veterinary Science Career Development Competition in 2015 and 2016 through FFA; and
- Recipient of the prestigious Agricultural Experience Tracker Program Grant.

In recognition of their achievements in the field of veterinary science, the students, teachers, and administration at John A. Ferguson Senior High School are to be commended for their commitment to excellence.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. MARTA PÉREZ:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 17-051 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Veterinary Science Magnet Program at John A. Ferguson Senior High School.

**Replacement
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**RESOLUTION NO. 17-051
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING VETERINARY SCIENCE MAGNET PROGRAM AT
JOHN A. FERGUSON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

WHEREAS, the veterinary science magnet program at John A. Ferguson Senior High School is one of the most successful ones at the school, attracting numerous applicants every year; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 17-051 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Veterinary Science magnet program at John A. Ferguson Senior High School.

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