

Ms. Lubby Navarro, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 17-096 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING OMAR BLANCO AND THE METRO-DADE IAFF LOCAL 1403 FIREFIGHTERS

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: INFORMED, ENGAGED AND EMPOWERED STAKEHOLDERS

On September 1961, the Metro-Dade County Firefighters, Local 1403 affiliated with the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF). The Metro-Dade County Firefighters, Local 1403 proudly stand as the 6th largest department across the nation and represents over 2,000 active uniformed firefighters, paramedics, dispatchers and 800 retirees.

Additionally, the Metro-Dade County Firefighters, Local 1403 are most proud of their charitable 501(c)(3) division, the Miami-Dade County Fire Fighters Charities (DCFFC). The DCFFC is funded through the generous contributions of their own members, local firefighters, paramedics and dispatchers; each year they raise money to assist many local programs and charities in our community. This past year, the DCFFC donated over \$275K to assist worthwhile causes and charities in Miami-Dade County.

The Metro-Dade Firefighters IAFF Local 1403 is led by the exceptional President, Lieutenant Omar Blanco. Lieutenant Omar Blanco is a 13-year Miami-Dade Fire Rescue veteran. He joined the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department in 2004 and was promoted to Lieutenant in 2014. He is certified in both, diving and in marine shipboard firefighting. Through his leadership, the IAFF Local 1403 has gone beyond the call of duty by their continuous support of our community through charitable donations. This past August, the Metro-Dade Firefighters IAFF Local 1403 donated over 200 backpacks and school supplies to District 7's Third Annual Backpacks and Supplies Giveaway event for needy children in our community. The Metro-Dade Firefighters IAFF Local 1403 take pride in their motto which states they are "always ready, proud to serve" our community.

The Metro-Dade County Firefighters, Local 1403 and President Omar Blanco are to be highly commended for their extraordinary service to Miami-Dade County.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

LUBBY NAVARRO: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 17-096 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Omar Blanco and the Metro-Dade IAFF Local 1403 Firefighters.

**RESOLUTION NO. 17-096
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING OMAR BLANCO AND THE METRO-DADE
IAFF LOCAL 1403 FIREFIGHTERS**

WHEREAS, on September 1961, the Metro-Dade County Firefighters, Local 1403 affiliated with the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF). The Metro-Dade County Firefighters, Local 1403 proudly stand as the 6th largest department across the nation and represents over 2,000 active uniformed firefighters, paramedics, dispatchers and 800 retirees; and

WHEREAS, additionally, the Metro-Dade County Firefighters, Local 1403 are most proud of their charitable 501(c)(3) division, the Miami-Dade County Fire Fighters Charities (DCFFC). The DCFFC is funded through the generous contributions of their own members, local firefighters, paramedics and dispatchers; each year they raise money to assist many local programs and charities in our community. This past year, the DCFFC donated over \$275K to assist worthwhile causes and charities in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, The Metro-Dade Firefighters IAFF Local 1403 is led by the exceptional President, Lieutenant Omar Blanco. Lieutenant Omar Blanco is a 13-year Miami-Dade Fire Rescue veteran. He joined the Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department in 2004 and was promoted to Lieutenant in 2014. He is certified in both, diving and in marine shipboard firefighting. Through his leadership, the IAFF Local 1403 has gone beyond the call of duty by their continuous support of our community through charitable donations; and

WHEREAS, the Metro-Dade County Firefighters, Local 1403 and President Omar Blanco are to be highly commended for their extraordinary service to Miami-Dade County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No 17-096 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Omar Blanco and the Metro-Dade IAFF Local 1403 Firefighters.

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

Presented this sixth day of September, A.D. 2017

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary