

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 19-002 OF
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING THE MIAMI NORTHWESTERN FOOTBALL TEAM**

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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Miami Northwestern Senior High serves as the cornerstone of community pride and opportunity in the area of education, politics, science, the arts, and other disciplines. Miami Northwestern, home of the Bulls, opened for enrollment in 1955. At its opening, it was the second high school in Miami for blacks and the first newly-built school for blacks. The land that Northwestern was built on was purchased by the County to serve as a barrier between black and white communities.

Despite opening without standard amenities such as an auditorium, tables and chairs for the cafeteria, and finished rooms, the students of that era went on to become great and influential contributors to our society. From the fall of 1955 to present day, Miami Northwestern graduates grace the world with their presence from Olympians to doctors, from the National Football League to the School Board, from the halls of Congress to the halls in Tallahassee. Wherever you turn, you can find someone who is so glad that they wear Blue and Gold.

Miami Northwestern has excelled in several areas of sports. Today, we celebrate the Miami Northwestern Bull's Varsity Football Team which has won back to back State Championships game since 2018 and 2019. A milestone of an accomplishment in Miami-Dade considering all of the talent that comes out of this county's high school football teams.

On Saturday, December 8, 2018, the Bulls made their way back to the top with a 22-0 win over nationally ranked Seffner Armwood in the Class 6A State Championship game at Camping World Stadium.

In addition to being superb athletes, a number of players obtain scholarships and matriculate at postsecondary institutions where they have the opportunity to continue playing football while working towards a college degree.

The School Board of Miami-Dade County commends the Miami Northwestern Senior High School Football team for their perseverance and stellar achievements on and off the gridiron.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS-MINDINGALL:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 19-002 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Miami Northwestern Senior High School Football Team.

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-002
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING THE MIAMI NORTHWESTERN SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL'S
FOOTBALL TEAM**

WHEREAS, Miami Northwestern Senior High serves as the cornerstone of community pride and opportunity in the area of education, politics, science, the arts, and other disciplines. Miami Northwestern, home of the Bulls, opened for enrollment in 1955. At its opening, it was the second high school in Miami for blacks and the first newly-built school for blacks; and

WHEREAS, despite opening without standard amenities such as an auditorium, tables and chairs for the cafeteria, and finished rooms, the students of that era went on to become great and influential contributors to our society. From the fall of 1955 to present day, Miami Northwestern graduates grace the world with their presence from Olympians to doctors, from the National Football League to the School Board, from the halls of Congress to the halls in Tallahassee. Wherever you turn, you can find someone who is so glad that they wear Blue and Gold; and

WHEREAS, the coaching staff led by head coach Max Edwards, assistant head coach Verne Louis, offense coach Luis Cardona, linebacker coach Quintin Swain, defensive back coach Sam Spence, running back coach Darryl Samuel, wide receiver coach Luke Levenson, offensive line coach Terrence Carey, defensive line coaches Eddie Jackson and Londo Luis, the Bulls made their way back to the state championship game and came away with a 22-0 win over Seffner Armwood in the Class 6A State Championship game at Camping World Stadium; and

WHEREAS, In addition to being superb athletes, a number of players obtain scholarships and matriculate at post-secondary institutions where they have the opportunity to continue playing football while working towards a college degree; and

WHEREAS, The School Board commends the Miami Northwestern Senior High School Football team for their perseverance and stellar achievements on and off the gridiron.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 19-002 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Miami Northwestern Senior High School Football Team.

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

Presented this sixteenth day of January, A.D. 2019

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary

