

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Board Member

**SUBJECT:           REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 19-011 OF  
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING THE LIBERTY CITY OPTIMIST WARRIORS  
FOOTBALL TEAM**

**COMMITTEE:       PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC  
BLUEPRINT:       INFORMED, ENGAGED & EMPOWERED STAKEHOLDERS**

In 1989, the Liberty City Optimist Club started out with a twelve-boy baseball team by the name of MTUNDU (African word that means community). In 1990, Luther Campbell approached the late Samuel Johnson, a Metro Bus Operator about MTUNDU becoming an Optimist Club to expand its notoriety.

In October 1990, The Liberty City Optimist Club of Florida, Inc. was formed. In May of 1991 Liberty City Optimist Club kicked off its first Football and Cheerleading registration through participation in the Greater Miami Pop Warner League. This was a great and positive step for the Liberty City community and surrounding neighborhoods.

Luther Campbell co-founded the organization to help the youth in his rough Liberty City neighborhood to reach their fullest potential in athletics and academics. Liberty City Warriors Optimist Club not only keeps kids occupied by putting them in sports leagues, but it also demands that they excel on and off the field. The Liberty City Optimist Club (LCOC) provides after-school and summer programs to youth 4-16 years old.

In over 25 years of programming The LCOC with the help of its volunteers has influenced the lives of thousands of children, young people, and families. It has developed an outstanding relationship with its immediate community, volunteers, Liberty City, as well as local and county governments, funding source, and other nonprofit organization. Liberty City Optimist is known for producing future NFL players.

Mr. Campbell always believed in the Liberty City Warriors and decided to film a documentary about the Liberty City Warriors, which aired six-episodes on STARZ produced by Lebron James. The documentary revealed the real life of the Liberty City Warriors Football Team. In December 2018, the Liberty City Warriors continued to soar as the team traveled with Mr. Campbell to Los Angeles, CA to take on Snoop Dogg's team in the Rapper's Bowl.

Today, we honor and recognized the outstanding accomplishments of the Liberty City Warriors Football Team and Mr. Luther Campbell's dedication, commitment and leadership to the youth in Liberty City and the South Florida community at large.

**Replacement  
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**ACTION PROPOSED BY DR. DOROTHY  
BENDROSS-MINDINGALL:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 19-011 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Liberty City Optimist Warriors Football Team.

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-011 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING THE LIBERTY CITY OPTIMIST WARRIORS  
FOOTBALL TEAM**

**WHEREAS**, In 1989, the Liberty City Optimist Club started out with a twelve-boy baseball team by the name of MTUNDU (African word that means community). In 1990, Luther Campbell approached the late Samuel Johnson, a Metro Dade Bus Operator about MTUNDU becoming an Optimist Club to expand its notoriety; and

**WHEREAS**, In October 1990, The Liberty City Optimist Club of Florida, Inc. was formed. In May of 1991 Liberty City Optimist Club kicked off its first Football and Cheerleading registration through participation in the Greater Miami Pop Warner League; and

**WHEREAS**, In over 25 years of programming that included activities designed to increase academic achievement, positive socialization, fitness, health, and parent involvement The Liberty City Optimist Club has influenced the lives of thousands of children, young people, and families; and

**WHEREAS**, It has developed an outstanding relationship with the community, volunteers, Liberty City, as well as local and county governments, funding source, and other nonprofit organization. Liberty City Optimist is known for producing future NFL players; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Campbell always believed in the Liberty City Warriors and decided to film a documentary about the league, which aired six-episodes on STARZ produced by Lebron James. The documentary revealed the real life of the Liberty City Warriors Football Team. In December 2018, the Liberty City Warriors continued to soar as the league traveled with Mr. Campbell to Los Angeles, California to take on Snoop Dogg's league in the Rapper's Bowl; and

**WHEREAS**, Today, we honor and recognized the outstanding accomplishments of the Liberty City Warriors Football Team , Coaches and Mr. Luther Campbell's dedication, commitment and leadership to the youth in Liberty City and the South Florida community at large.

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 19-011 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Liberty City Optimist Warriors Football Team Coaches, and Mr. Luther Campbell's for their dedication, commitment and leadership to the youth in Liberty City and the South Florida community.

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

**Presented this thirteenth day of February, A.D. 2019**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary