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SUBJECT: IN CELEBRATION OF THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF SCHOOL FOR ADVANCED STUDIES

COMMITTEE: FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: INFORMED, ENGAGED AND EMPOWERED STAKEHOLDERS

Founded in the 1988-1989 school year, at Miami-Dade College North Campus, School for Advanced Studies (SAS) is a nationally recognized collegiate high school of excellence as a combined effort of Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) and Miami-Dade College. Currently, SAS has five campuses (Homestead, Kendall, North, West and Wolfson), and has over 760 students spanning the entire district. SAS provides a uniquely supportive transition between secondary and post-secondary education with 100% of its scholars earning an Associate in Arts degree and high school diploma concurrently each year achieving SAS's mission of enabling highly motivated students to achieve their academic and personal potential through an accelerated, full-time high school dual-enrollment program in a college setting.

SAS's opportunity for acceleration and enrichment attracts motivated and academically talented students and, through their vision of committing to a comprehensive academic program which will enable our students to become ethical, productive, and active members of society, has produced some of the most academically accomplished scholars. SAS attributes strong core values, visionary leadership and extraordinary faculty and staff. The recent SAS graduating classes have included numerous Posse Scholars, National Hispanic Scholars, Silver Knight winners and honorable mentions, QuestBridge Scholars, Broad Prize Scholars, Gates Millennium Scholars, Bezos Scholars and National Merit Scholars.

As one of the District's highest performing high schools, SAS has had the highest SAT and ACT average of any public high school in Miami-Dade County. SAS has also been recognized by the Washington Post, Niche, Newsweek Magazine, Great Schools and U.S. News and World Report as one of the best high schools in the United States.

In recent years, SAS graduates have been accepted at all of the top 50 national universities as ranked by U.S. News and World Report Magazine. Additionally, SAS has had the highest percentage of Advanced Placement Scholars of any public high school in Miami-Dade County and graduates have been awarded over \$200 million in scholarships in the last 10 years alone. Furthermore, SAS has been designated as a School of Excellence by the Florida Department of Education and has been rated an 'A' school.

2019 celebrates SAS's Diamond Anniversary for their 30 years of academic excellence to the students of our community.

This Item has been reviewed and approved by the School Board Attorney's Office as to form and legal sufficiency.

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**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. LUBBY NAVARRO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorse the celebration of the 30th anniversary of School For Advanced Studies.