

Ms. Susie V. Castillo, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 19-038 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING VIVIANA JORDAN

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) has been privileged to employ many individuals over the years who are committed to serving our community with a great degree of passion and excellence. One of these individuals is Ms. Viviana Jordan. Ms. Jordan is a product of Miami-Dade County Public Schools, and a proud graduate of Hialeah-Miami Lakes Senior High School, where she graduated with a Superintendent's Diploma of Distinction in 2005.

Ms. Jordan began her career at Miami-Dade County Public Schools in 2008 as a policy assistant in the District 5 School Board office, where she was primarily responsible for all policy research and writing as well as internal and external communications. During her first years at M-DCPS, Ms. Jordan played a key role in securing partnerships that enabled the creation of the first Academy for Advanced Academics at Florida International University in 2009.

In 2012, Ms. Jordan took on the role of Chief of Staff in the office of School Board Member Susie V. Castillo where she led the Board Member's administrative team, managed special projects and communications, and led community engagement efforts. In this capacity, Ms. Jordan also served as lead policy advisor to the Board Member, and led the design and implementation of strategic initiatives and special projects. During her time with School Board Member Castillo, Viviana managed a wide array of partnerships that made possible projects like the creation of the Andrea Castillo Teaching Academy at Ronald W. Reagan/Doral Senior High School and the "Please Don't Leave Me" Vehicular Heatstroke Prevention Campaign in partnership with Nicklaus Children's Hospital. In 2016, Ms. Jordan transitioned to the office of School Board Member Mari Tere Rojas, serving as her Chief of Staff until she went on to continue her career in the private sector.

Aside from serving our Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Ms. Jordan has also served our community in various capacities. She served for over six years on the Miami-Dade County Commission for Women (CFW), advocating for issues impacting women and girls in our community, and served as the body's Vice-Chair and Communications Committee Chair.

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During her tenure on the CFW she was also instrumental in leading advocacy efforts for paid parental leave policies in Miami-Dade, which resulted in legislation being enacted at the county level and in a number of local municipalities. Viviana is also a graduate of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce's *Leadership Miami* program, where she led a schoolhouse renovation service project at the Miami Bridge, and is a former Vice-President of Florida International University's Young Alumni Council.

Ms. Jordan is currently the Deputy Public Policy Director for the Southeast U.S. region at Airbnb, the world's leading community-driven hospitality company. In keeping with her passion for building partnerships that can make a difference and education, this spring, Viviana worked with her Miami-based colleagues to spearhead a "Girls in Tech Day" *hosted by Airbnb*. The four-hour event provided a unique opportunity for 25 of our students from Miami Springs Senior High School's iTech Academy to learn first-hand about the diversity of roles available to women in the tech sector. The event featured presentations by leading women in tech from organizations including Twitter, Facebook, Lyft, Spotify, and NASA.

Ms. Jordan holds a bachelor's degree in International Relations, with a focus on Latin American studies, from Florida International University, and master's degrees in Global Education Policy and Public Administration from the University of Illinois.

Ms. Viviana Jordan is to be commended for her years of service and commitment to Miami-Dade County Public Schools and for her community service efforts and tireless dedication to Miami-Dade County.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. SUSIE V. CASTILLO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 19-038 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Viviana Jordan.

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-038
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING VIVIANA JORDAN**

WHEREAS, Ms. Viviana Jordan is a product of Miami-Dade County Public Schools, and a proud graduate of Hialeah-Miami Lakes Senior High School, where she graduated with a Superintendent's Diploma of Distinction in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jordan began her career at Miami-Dade County Public Schools in 2008 as a policy assistant in the District 5 School Board office. During her first years at M-DCPS, Ms. Jordan played a key role in securing partnerships that enabled the creation of the first Academy for Advanced Academics at Florida International University in 2009; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, Ms. Jordan took on the role of Chief of Staff in the office of School Board Member Susie V. Castillo where she led the Board Member's administrative team, managed special projects and communications, and led community engagement efforts. During her time with School Board Member Castillo, she managed a wide array of partnerships that made possible projects like the creation of the Andrea Castillo Teaching Academy at Ronald W. Reagan/Doral Senior High School and the "Please Don't Leave Me" Vehicular Heatstroke Prevention Campaign in partnership with Nicklaus Children's Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jordan transitioned into a career in the private sector in 2016, serving as the Deputy Public Policy Director for the Southeast U.S. region at Airbnb, the world's leading community-driven hospitality company; and

WHEREAS, in keeping true towards her passion for building partnerships that can make a difference and education, this spring, Ms. Jordan worked with her Miami-based colleagues to spearhead a "Girls in Tech Day" *hosted by Airbnb* which provided a unique opportunity for 25 of our students from Miami Springs Senior High School's iTech Academy to learn first-hand about the diversity of roles available to women in the tech sector with presentations by leading women in tech from organizations including Twitter, Facebook, Lyft, Spotify, and NASA; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Viviana Jordan is to be commended for her years of service and commitment to Miami-Dade County Public Schools and for her community service efforts and tireless dedication to Miami-Dade County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 19-038 recognizing Viviana Jordan.

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

Presented this nineteenth day of June, A.D. 2019

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary