

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Board Member

**SUBJECT:           REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 19-050 OF  
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING THE MIAMI MARLINS FOUNDATION**

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

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

The Miami Marlins Foundation is the philanthropic arm of the Miami Marlins. The mission of the Miami Marlins Foundation is to make an impact in the community through wellness and empowerment. The Miami Marlins Foundation strive to impact South Florida's youth by creating opportunities for them to stay active, achieve academic success and build leadership skills.

The Miami Marlins Foundation's initiative 'Home Plate Meals', along with their partner Feeding South Florida, addresses food insecurities and encourages healthy living in the community. At Charles R. Drew K-8 in Liberty City the Miami Marlins Foundation installed a food pantry, with Miami Marlins infielder Martín Prado and fellow Marlins players who assisted in the setup.

The food pantry will be a source of non-perishable healthy dietary staples such as cereal, rice, oatmeal, dry milk, and healthy snacks. With the support of the Miami Marlins Foundation and a generous gift from Martin Prado, the food pantry will operate daily to aid in preventing any student in the Charles R. Drew community from going to bed hungry.

The Miami Marlins Foundation and Feeding South Florida share core values and are dedicated to the service of fighting food insecurity across South Florida, which is evident through 'Home Plate Meals' initiative. According to Feeding South Florida, Miami- Dade County has 237,340 citizens who are insecure as to where their next meal will come from.

The new Miami Marlins is committed to making an impact in the greater-Miami community through a variety of outreach programs and the re-imagined Miami Marlins Foundation. The organization is proud to partner with the Miami-Dade County Public Schools on a range of programs to aide in the success of future leaders, including the Good Student Program presented by JP Morgan which rewards students with perfect attendance with two free ballgame tickets; and the Fun At Bat program, which provides baseball equipment and tutorials for physical education departments. The Marlins took part in numerous back to school initiatives through a special first day 'welcome back' visit and partnering with the Kiwanis for school supplies distribution.

**Replacement  
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**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS-MINDINGALL:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 19-050 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Miami Marlins Foundation.

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-050  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING THE MIAMI MARLINS FOUNDATION**

**WHEREAS;** The Miami Marlins Foundation is the philanthropic arm of the Miami Marlins. The mission of the Miami Marlins Foundation is to make an impact in the community through wellness and empowerment. The Miami Marlins Foundation strive to impact South Florida's youth by creating opportunities for them to stay active, achieve academic success and build leadership skills; and

**WHEREAS;** The Miami Marlins Foundation's initiative 'Home Plate Meals' , along with their partner Feeding South Florida, addresses food insecurities and encourages healthy living in the community. At Charles R. Drew K-8 in Liberty City the Miami Marlins Foundation installed a food pantry, with Miami Marlins infielder Martín Prado and fellow Marlins players who assisted in the setup; and

**WHEREAS;** the food pantry will be a source of non-perishable healthy dietary staples such as cereal, rice, oatmeal, dry milk, and healthy snacks, and with the support of the Miami Marlins Foundation and a generous gift from Martin Prado, the food pantry will operate daily to aid in preventing any student in the Charles R. Drew community from going to bed hungry; and

**WHEREAS;** The Miami Marlins Foundation and Feeding South Florida share core values and are dedicated to the service of fighting food insecurity across South Florida, which is evident through 'Home Plate Meals' initiative. According to Feeding South Florida, Miami- Dade County has 237,340 citizens who are insecure as to where their next meal will come from; and

**WHEREAS;** The new Miami Marlins is committed to making an impact to the greater-Miami community through a variety of outreach programs and the re-imagined Miami Marlins Foundation. The organization is proud to partner with the Miami-Dade County Public Schools on a range of programs to aide in the success of future leaders, including the Good Student Program presented by JP Morgan which rewards students with perfect attendance with two free ballgame tickets; and the Fun At Bat program, which provides baseball equipment and tutorials for physical education departments. The Marlins took part in numerous back to school initiatives through special first day 'welcome back' visits and partnering with the Kiwanis for school supplies distribution.

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 19-050 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing The Miami Marlins Foundation.

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

**Presented this fourth day of September, A.D. 2019**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary