

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 19-XXX OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING MIAMI DOLPHINS FOOTBALL UNITES™

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: INFORMED, ENGAGED AND EMPOWERED STAKEHOLDERS

The goal of the Miami Dolphins FOOTBALL UNITES™ program is to level the playing field through the power of teamwork to inspire a healthier, more educated and united South Florida community. We believe it is important to be inclusive of the diversity and aware of the intersections that make up South Florida, uniting groups of different races, genders, sexual orientations, identities, abilities and faith around the power of football. The organization has hosted Miami-Dade County Public Schools students for back to school backpack and school supply distributions, financial literacy programs and holiday shopping events.

The Miami Dolphins and Baptist Health South Florida donated football equipment to Miami Edison Senior High School after the team's field house experienced a fire in June that damaged essential practice items. The brand-new equipment included everything from footballs to end-zone pylons, from cleats to tackling dummies, from yard markers to scouting binders, from a five-man sled to a kicking net, from towels to tackling rings. As part of the Miami Dolphins' educational pillar and its FOOTBALL UNITES™ program, the organization partnered with Miami-Dade County Public Schools through Values Matter Miami, a series of initiatives designed to promote education and values among its students. As part of the partnership, Superintendent Alberto Carvalho, Miami Dolphins linebacker Raekwon McMillan and students created a Values Matter Miami PSA. In addition, Miami Dolphins, players, alumni, cheerleaders and staff took part in monthly PSAs, highlighting each value associated with the program.

The Miami Dolphins held FOOTBALL UNITES™ Cultural Tours in North Miami, North Miami Beach and Liberty City. As part of these tours Miami Dolphins players, cheerleaders, alumni and staff join youth, community leaders and law enforcement to experience the richness and diversity of South Florida.

The Miami Dolphins positively impacted Miami-Dade County Public Schools students through the Junior Dolphins program. The program is designed to give kids access to learn the fundamentals of football. To grow the game, the Junior Dolphins program works to educate coaches, parents and youth on the health and safety of football with a strong emphasis on character development. As part of the program, the Dolphins sponsored baseline concussion testing for more than 15,000 Miami-Dade County high school student athletes each year in all sports. In addition, the Dolphins host coaching clinics each year with more than 800 high school and youth coaches and parents. In addition, the team has hosted high school teams throughout the district.

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

That the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 19-XXX of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Miami Dolphins FOOTBALL UNITES™

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-XXX
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING MIAMI DOLPHINS FOOTBALL UNITES™**

WHEREAS, the goal of the Miami Dolphins FOOTBALL UNITES™ program is to level the playing field through the power of teamwork to inspire a healthier, more educated and united South Florida community. We believe it is important to be inclusive of the diversity and aware of the intersections that make up South Florida, uniting groups of different races, genders, sexual orientations, identities, abilities and faith around the power of football. The organization has hosted Miami-Dade County Public Schools students for back to school backpack and school supply distributions, financial literacy programs and holiday shopping events: and

WHEREAS, the Miami Dolphins and Baptist Health South Florida donated football equipment to Miami Edison Senior High School after the team's field house experienced a fire in June that damaged essential practice items. The brand-new equipment included everything from footballs to end-zone pylons, from cleats to tackling dummies, from yard markers to scouting binders, from a five-man sled to a kicking net, from towels to tackling rings; and

WHEREAS, as part of the Miami Dolphins' educational pillar and its FOOTBALL UNITES™ program, the organization partnered with Miami-Dade County Public Schools through Values Matter Miami, a series of initiatives designed to promote education and values among its students. As part of the partnership, Superintendent Alberto Carvalho, Miami Dolphins linebacker Raekwon McMillan and students created a Values Matter Miami PSA. In addition, Miami Dolphins, players, alumni, cheerleaders and staff took part in monthly PSAs, highlighting each value associated with the program; and

WHEREAS, the Miami Dolphins held FOOTBALL UNITES™ Cultural Tours in North Miami, North Miami Beach and Liberty City. As part of these tours Miami Dolphins players, cheerleaders, alumni and staff join youth, community leaders and law enforcement to experience the richness and diversity of South Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Miami Dolphins positively impacted Miami-Dade County Public Schools students through the Junior Dolphins program. The program is designed to give kids access to learn the fundamentals of football. To grow the game, the Junior Dolphins program works to educate coaches, parents and youth on the health and safety of football with a strong emphasis on character development. As part of the program, the Dolphins sponsored baseline concussion testing for more than 15,000 Miami-Dade County high school student athletes each year in all sports. In addition, the Dolphins host coaching clinics each year with more than 800 high school and youth coaches and parents. In addition, the team has hosted high school teams throughout the district.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 19-XXX of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Miami Dolphins FOOTBALL UNITES™

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

Presented this twentieth day of November, A.D. 2019

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary