

Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 20-003 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION'S CITIZEN ALUMNI ACADEMY AND MIAMI PALMETTO SENIOR HIGH FORENSIC INVESTIGATIVE ACADEMY SPIRIT OF GIVING INITIATIVE, AND RYDER SYSTEM & THE SUNSHINE CORVETTE CLUB'S NEVA KING COOPER HOLIDAY EVENTS

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: SAFE, HEALTHY AND SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

With the help of special friends and community partners, this past holiday season was joyously heralded in at Pine Villa Elementary School and Neva King Cooper Educational Center (Neva King). Three separate, carefully planned events served to celebrate the holidays and remind our students of the commitment and generosity of their long-time supporters. The organizations responsible for these initiatives, the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Citizens Alumni Academy Association (CAAA), Ryder System, Inc. (Ryder System), and The Sunshine Corvette Club, Inc. (Sunshine Corvette Club) gifted students with new toys, games, electronics, and in return were greeted with unbridled excitement, genuine appreciation, and warm smiles.

The CAAA is dedicated to providing students, parents, business leaders and the community-at-large with informative programs and services through community-based projects, with particular emphasis on youth development and academic excellence. Through their Spirit of Giving program, new toys are collected annually and delivered to an elementary school where each student is allowed to select the toy of their choice to take home. Following the success of the Spirit of Giving event at Colonial Drive Elementary School in 2018, the CAAA selected Pine Villa Elementary as the recipient of this past year's toy drive. With the additional help of Miami Palmetto Senior High's Forensic Investigative Academy (FIA) and volunteer students, hundreds of toys were collected. On December 17, 2019, CAAA, FIA and Pine Villa Elementary volunteers staged a shopping experience in the school's media center. Students were greeted by Santa Claus and encouraged to make a selection amongst the hundreds of age-appropriate gifts on display, while teachers and staff received gift cards as gestures of appreciation for their tireless efforts and work.

Neva King, located in The City of Homestead, is a specialized school for students, ages 3 to 22, who are profoundly mentally and physically challenged. The separate day school provides a variety of programs and services for the students, families, and caregivers. Their highly trained staff is committed to meeting the unique needs of their students, providing high quality education, care and services. Neva King is fortunate to have forged deep, long-standing relationships with two outstanding organizations known for their community service. Students, families and staff look forward to the yearly visit from their friends, as both Ryder System and The Corvette Club adopt the school during the holidays.

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Ryder System, a Fortune 500 Company, provides leading-edge logistics, supply chain and transportation management solutions worldwide. For 23 years, their employees have provided Neva King students with toys and much needed items including warm blankets, dental hygiene products, pool towels, swimming suits, as well as Thanksgiving dinners. These employees also coordinate a holiday party for the students complete with holiday decorations throughout the campus and a “snowstorm” inciting joy and capturing the imagination of students and staff alike. The holiday event also showcases the arrival of Santa on a fire truck delivering special gifts. During this past year’s event on December 13, 2019, CEO Robert Sanchez, a Miami native, personally handed students backpacks full of personalized gifts and led employees in a rendition of The 12 Days of Christmas to everyone’s delight. This wonderful company has continuously helped make the holidays more comfortable and enjoyable for all of the students and their families and the entire school community is most grateful for their generosity.

The Sunshine Corvette Club, Inc. is a non-profit organization devoted to the Corvette automobile and its enjoyment. Originally formed by a group of enthusiasts in the Greater Miami area during February of 1977, they are affiliated with the National Council of Corvette Clubs. Club members enjoy their Corvettes through a variety of activities, which include restoration, parades, car shows, track driving, and car cruising events. However, one very special annual holiday event is the favorite of many members. The Sunshine Corvette Club has been providing the students at Neva King Cooper Educational Center holiday gifts, as well as monetary donations for the past 27 years during the holiday season. It is joined in its efforts by various sponsors, Bomnin Chevrolet West Kendall, Miami Dade Police and Fire Department personnel, as well as the Heat Dancers, and mascot "Burnie" which is always a favorite of the children. This past year’s event, which took place on December 17, 2019, was kicked off with a parade featuring the Corvettes and their members and culminated with Santa’s arrival and gift distribution. Once again, each child and family were graced with the generosity of this long-devoted organization and are very much appreciated.

With great devotion and effort, the CAAA, Ryder System, and The Sunshine Corvette Club have dedicated themselves to the mutual goal of sharing their time, talent and treasure with special students and families. Their goodwill, kindness, and touching gestures throughout the years have made an indelible impact on these school communities and they are to be commended for the genuine and heartfelt commitment that drives their effort and charity.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. LAWRENCE S. FELDMAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 20-003 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s Citizens Alumni Academy Association, Ryder System, Inc., and The Sunshine Corvette Club, Inc., for their goodwill and genuine commitment to Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
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ACADEMY ASSOCIATION, RYDER SYSTEM, INC., AND THE SUNSHINE CORVETTE
CLUB, INC., FOR THEIR GOODWILL AND GENUINE COMMITMENT TO MIAMI-DADE
COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, with the help of special friends and community partners, this past holiday season was joyously heralded in at Pine Villa Elementary School and Neva King Cooper Educational Center (Neva King). The organizations responsible for these initiatives, the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Citizens Alumni Academy Association (CAAA), Ryder System, Inc. (Ryder System), and The Sunshine Corvette Club, Inc. (Sunshine Corvette Club) gifted students with new toys, games, electronics, and in return were greeted with unbridled excitement, genuine appreciation, and warm smiles; and

WHEREAS, the CAAA is dedicated to providing students, parents, business leaders and the community-at-large with informative programs and services through community-based projects, with particular emphasis on youth development and academic excellence. Through their Spirit of Giving program, new toys are collected annually and delivered to an elementary school where each student is allowed to select the toy of their choice to take home. The CAAA selected Pine Villa Elementary as the recipient of this past year's toy drive. With the additional help of Miami Palmetto Senior High's Forensic Investigative Academy (FIA) and volunteer students, hundreds of toys were collected. On December 17, 2019, CAAA, FIA and Pine Villa Elementary volunteers staged a shopping experience in the school's media center. Students were greeted by Santa Claus and encouraged to make a selection amongst the hundreds of age-appropriate gifts on display, while teachers and staff received gift cards as gestures of appreciation for their tireless efforts and work; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

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

Presented this fifteenth day of January, A.D. 2020

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary