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**SUBJECT:            THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZE SCHOOL FOR ADVANCED STUDIES (SAS) AS  
FOURTH BEST PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN U.S.A. BY U.S. NEWS  
& WORLD REPORT**

**COMMITTEE:        ACADEMICS, INNOVATION, EVALUATION & TECHNOLOGY**

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

School for Advanced Studies (SAS), a partnership between Miami Dade College and Miami-Dade County Public Schools is celebrating 33 years of excellence. SAS was named by U.S. News and World Report on April 26, 2022 as the “Best High School in the state of Florida” and 4th Best High School in the United States. SAS has five campuses (Homestead, Kendall, North, West, and Wolfson), and has over 820 students spanning the entire MDCPS District, with each of its five campuses being designated as grade “A” schools by the state of Florida.

SAS provides a uniquely supportive environment that enables highly motivated students to achieve their academic and personal potential through an accelerated, full time high school dual enrollment program in a college setting. In recent years, nearly all SAS graduates have earned an Associate in Arts degree from Miami Dade College, at least one month prior to their high school graduation.

SAS attributes its success to strong core values, visionary leadership and extraordinary faculty and staff that produces academically accomplished scholars that year after year are admitted to the top tier universities in America including all the Ivy League institutions. The recent graduating classes have included numerous Silver Knight winners and honorable mentions, Posse Scholars, QuestBridge Scholars, Gates Scholars, Jack Kent Cooke Scholars, Bezos Scholars, National Hispanic Recognition Scholars, National African American Recognition Scholars, and National Merit Scholars. SAS is one of the District’s top performing high schools and has had the highest SAT and ACT average scores of any public high school in Miami-Dade County. SAS has also been recognized for academic excellence by the Washington Post, Niche, and Great Schools.

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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 \$250 million in scholarships over the last 5 years alone. Furthermore, SAS has been designated as a “School of Excellence” by the Florida Department of Education; 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 and Miami-Dade College.

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  
DR. LUBBY NAVARRO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognize School for Advanced Studies (SAS) as nationally named by U.S. News and World Report on April 26, 2022 as the “Best High School in the state of Florida” and 4th Best High School in the United States.