

Ms. Lucia Baez-Geller, School Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 22-038 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING AYUDA, INC. FOR OVER 40 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

LINK TO STRATEGIC

PLAN: INFORMED, ENGAGED, & EMPOWERED STAKEHOLDERS

AYUDA, Inc. is a community-based non-profit organization in Miami Beach, Florida, that was established in 1977. The mission of AYUDA is to help improve the lives of children and families who are underserved and/or at risk in South Florida through education, life skills training, and programs that support self-sufficiency. Since its establishment, AYUDA has served over 200,000 children, adolescents, adults, and elderly in South Florida.

AYUDA provides early education scholarships, life skills training for at-risk teenagers, parenting skills for adults, and one-on-one care for the elderly. The agency also provides programs to prevent abuse and neglect. AYUDA serves as the last safety net for those who lack the resources or skill sets needed to reach their goals and empower them to believe that they do make a difference in the community.

Some of the programs offered by AYUDA include early childhood educational programs and scholarships, after-school and summer enrichment programs, T.A.L.L. (Teens are Lifelong Learners), Homemaker and Companion Services, mental health services, and family care services.

The Early Educational Scholarships program allows children, who otherwise may not be able to, experience the education they deserve in a safe and nurturing environment. The after-school enrichment program offers S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) dance, karate, arts & culture, homework assistance and literacy. The T.A.L.L program is aimed to serve at-risk middle and high school aged youth, including youth with disabilities, and it is provided in partnership with The Children's Trust, Miami Beach Senior High School, Scott Rakow Youth Center, and Normandy Isle Park & Pool.

AYUDA, Inc. partners with various Miami-Dade County organizations and municipalities, such as City of Miami Beach, Miami Beach Police, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Women's Fund of Miami-Dade County, and The Children's Trust.

Through enrichment and empowerment programs and services, AYUDA, Inc. has made countless contributions to the children and families of Miami-Dade County for over 40 years.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. LUCIA BAEZ-GELLER:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 22-038 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing AYUDA, Inc. for over 40 years of service to the children and families of Miami-Dade County.

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 22-038
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING AYUDA, INC. FOR OVER 40 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CHILDREN AND
FAMILIES OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY**

WHEREAS, AYUDA, Inc. is a community-based non-profit organization in Miami Beach, Florida, that was established in 1977. The mission of AYUDA is to help improve the lives of children and families who are underserved and/or at risk in South Florida through education, life skills training, and programs that support self-sufficiency. Since its establishment, AYUDA has served over 200,000 children, adolescents, adults, and elderly in South Florida; and

WHEREAS, AYUDA provides early education scholarships, life skills training for at-risk teenagers, parenting skills for adults, and one-on-one care for the elderly. The agency also provides programs to prevent abuse and neglect. AYUDA serves as the last safety net for those who lack the resources or skill sets needed to reach their goals and empower them to believe that they do make a difference in the community; and

WHEREAS, some of the programs offered by AYUDA include early childhood educational programs and scholarships, after-school and summer enrichment programs, T.A.L.L. (Teens are Lifelong Learners), Homemaker and Companion Services, mental health services, and family care services.

WHEREAS, the Early Educational Scholarships program allows children, who otherwise may not be able to, experience the education they deserve in a safe and nurturing environment. The after-school enrichment program offers S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) dance, karate, arts & culture, homework assistance and literacy. The T.A.L.L program is aimed to serve at-risk middle and high school aged youth, including youth with disabilities, and it is provided in partnership with The Children's Trust, Miami Beach Senior High School, Scott Rakow Youth Center, and Normandy Isle Park & Pool.

WHEREAS, AYUDA, Inc. partners with various Miami-Dade County organizations and municipalities, such as City of Miami Beach, Miami Beach Police, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Women's Fund of Miami-Dade County, and The Children's Trust; and

WHEREAS, through enrichment and empowerment programs and services, AYUDA, Inc. has made countless contributions to the children and families of Miami-Dade County for over 40 years; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 22-038 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing AYUDA, Inc. for over 40 years of service to the children and families of Miami-Dade County.

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

Presented this seventh day of September, A.D. 2022

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary