

Ms. Mary Blanco, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 23-023 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING FAIRCHILD TROPICAL BOTANIC GARDEN'S LONG-LASTING EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIP WITH MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, INNOVATION, EVALUATION & TECHNOLOGY

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN: RELEVANT, RIGOUROUS, & INNOVATIVE ACADEMICS

Located in Miami-Dade County, Florida, Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden opened its doors to the public for the first time in 1938, affording its visitors the opportunity to enjoy one place where tropical plants could grow outdoors all throughout the year. The Garden is named after one of the most famous plant explorers in history, Dr. David Fairchild, who was also an educator and renowned scientist. In line with the Dr. Fairchild's role as an educator, the Garden has become a pillar of environmental education in our community, offering a plethora of educational programs for young and old, professional, and amateur.

Throughout the years, students at Miami-Dade County Public Schools have benefited from a strong and long-lasting partnership between the District and the Garden. From school field trips, to visits in our schools by the STEMLab, a state-of-the-art mobile botanical micropropagation laboratory, student participation in the award-winning Fairchild Challenge competition and the Growing Beyond Earth science project, to the creation of specialized environmental programs in our schools, such as the BioTECH magnet program, the world's first Conservation Biology High School with a focus on Botany and Zoology, our partnership with the Garden has given our students the opportunity to find their passion, develop their skills, and learn about the importance of plants, plant uses, and conservation efforts for the future of our planet.

On April 22, 2023, the world will be celebrating Earth Day. We honor this occasion by recognizing Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden as our committed partner in environmental education in our schools.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. MARY BLANCO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 23-023 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden's long-lasting educational partnership with Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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WHEREAS, located in Miami-Dade County, Florida, Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden opened its doors to the public for the first time in 1938, affording its visitors the opportunity to enjoy one place where tropical plants could grow outdoors all throughout the year. The Garden is named after one of the most famous plant explorers in history, Dr. David Fairchild, who was also an educator and renowned scientist. In line with the Dr. Fairchild's role as an educator, the Garden has become a pillar of environmental education in our community, offering a plethora of educational programs for young and old, professional, and amateur; and

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WHEREAS, On April 22, 2023, the world will be celebrating Earth Day. We honor this occasion by recognizing Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden as our committed partner in environmental education in our schools.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 23-023 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden's long-lasting educational partnership with Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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

Presented this nineteenth day of April, A.D. 2023

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

SCHOL BOARD CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary