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**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 23-041 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING MIAMI DADE COLLEGE AND PRESIDENT MADELINE PUMARIEGA**

**COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

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

Founded in 1959, Miami Dade College (MDC) is the largest college in the Florida College System. Its current enrollment surpasses 100,000 students, a high percentage of whom are minority and immigrant. The College offers more than 300 degrees, educational programs, and career pathways housed across its eight (8) college campuses. An integral part of the Miami-Dade County's fabric, MDC has been recognized as the most diverse institution of higher learning in the United States. It has received several prestigious awards and recognitions for its profound impact on countless lives, young and old, through education, opportunity, and innovation.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) and Miami Dade College (MDC) have been collaborating for over 50 years, motivated by the shared commitment to ensuring that every student has a path to success. This longstanding partnership has brought great benefits to our students, workforce, and the entire community. Thousands of students in our community have benefited from the School for Advanced Studies (SAS), STEM Expo, Theodore Gibson Oratorical Project, Model United Nations, Upward Bound, and Dual Enrollment.

In November 2020, Madeline Pumariéga began her tenure as president of Miami Dade College, the first female to hold the position and the fifth president in the College's history. President Pumariéga is a graduate of Miami Dade College and Hialeah Senior High School. She was inducted into the MDC Alumni Hall of Fame in 2018 and the M-DCPS Alumni Hall of Fame in 2023. Upon taking the helm of the College, she spearheaded the creation of two very distinguished programs, the Presidential Scholars, and the Rising Scholars. Both programs offer high school students' free tuition up to 60 credits toward completion of an AA or AS, plus a

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stipend. Under the visionary leadership of President Pumariega, M-DCPS and MDC have recently collaborated to effectively respond to the teacher shortage through partnerships such as: Teacher Candidate Residency Program, 53 New Teaching Academies, and coming soon the Teacher Apprenticeship Program.

Today, we recognize Miami Dade College as a committed and valuable partner of Miami-Dade County Public Schools. This recognition celebrates our shared values, successes, and achievements and reaffirms the strength of our partnership. Together we will continue to explore innovative pathways that will empower the next generation of leaders.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 23-041 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Miami Dade College and President Madeline Pumariega.

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-041 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING MIAMI DADE COLLEGE AND PRESIDENT MADELINE PUMARIEGA**

**WHEREAS**, founded in 1959, Miami Dade College (MDC) is the largest college in the Florida College System. Its current enrollment surpasses 100,000 students, a high percentage of whom are minority and immigrant. The College offers more than 300 degrees, educational programs, and career pathways housed across its eight (8) college campuses. An integral part of the Miami-Dade County's fabric, MDC has been recognized as the most diverse institution of higher learning in the United States. It has received several prestigious awards and recognitions for its profound impact on countless lives, young and old, through education, opportunity, and innovation; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) and Miami Dade College (MDC) have been collaborating for over 50 years, motivated by the shared commitment to ensuring that every student has a path to success. This longstanding partnership has brought great benefits to our students, workforce, and the entire community. Together, M-DCPS and MDC have created multiple educator pathways such as, Teacher Candidate Residency Program, Educator Preparation Institute, 53 New Teaching Academies, and coming soon is a Teacher Apprenticeship Program. Students in our community have also benefited from the School for Advanced Studies (SAS), STEM Expo, Theodore Gibson Oratorical Project, Model United Nations, Upward Bound, and Dual Enrollment; and

**WHEREAS**, in November 2020, Madeline Pumariega began her tenure as president of Miami Dade College, the first female to hold the position and the fifth president in the College's history. President Pumariega is a graduate of Miami Dade College and Hialeah Senior High School. She was inducted into the MDC Alumni Hall of Fame in 2018 and the M-DCPS Alumni Hall of Fame in 2023. Upon taking the helm of the College, she spearheaded the creation of two very distinguished programs, the Presidential Scholars, and the Rising Scholars. Both programs offer high school students' free tuition up to 60 credits toward completion of an AA or AS, plus a stipend. Under the visionary leadership of President Pumariega, M-DCPS and MDC have recently collaborated to effectively respond to the teacher shortage through partnerships such as: Teacher Candidate Residency Program, 53 New Teaching Academies, and coming soon the Teacher Apprenticeship Program;

**WHEREAS**, today, we recognize Miami Dade College as a committed and valuable partner of Miami-Dade County Public Schools. This recognition celebrates our shared values, successes, and achievements and reaffirms the strength of our partnership. Together we will continue to explore innovative pathways that will empower the next generation of leaders;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 23-041 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Miami Dade College and President Madeline Pumariega

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

**Presented this sixteenth day of August A.D. 2023**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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SCHOL BOARD CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary