

Mr. Danny Espino, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 23-042 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA RECOGNIZING ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH HOSPITAL FOR PROVIDING FREE HEALTH CARE AND ACCOMMODATIONS TO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WITH PEDIATRIC CATASTROPHIC DISEASE FOR OVER 60 YEARS**

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

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

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (St. Jude) is a world-renowned pediatric treatment and research facility located in Memphis, Tennessee. Consistent with the vision of its founder Danny Thomas, St. Jude opened its doors in 1962 with the promise that no child would be denied treatment based on race, religion or financial resources. The hospital's mission is to advance cures and means of prevention for pediatric catastrophic diseases through research and treatment. St. Jude is known for providing cutting-edge medical care to children with cancer and other life-threatening illnesses. Most of their funding comes from individual contributions and donors. Families never receive a bill from St. Jude for treatment, travel, housing, or food.

St. Jude is designated a National Cancer Institute Comprehensive Cancer Center, the first and only cancer center solely focused on pediatric cancer to receive this distinction. Since its founding more than 60 years ago, treatments developed at St. Jude have helped push the overall childhood cancer survival rate from 20% to more than 80%.

September is recognized as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. During this time of the year, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and other organizations honor children and survivors affected by pediatric cancer and raise awareness about the need for research and treatment of the disease. The St. Jude Walk/Run 5K hybrid event is an inspiring, family-friendly event taking place virtually and nationwide. It unites people behind the lifesaving mission of St. Jude: Finding cures. Saving children. Their goal is to fundraise \$300,000 for childhood cancer research.

School Board Vice Chair Danny Espino and the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognize and applaud the invaluable work of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in transforming the lives of countless young patients and their families. Its unwavering dedication to pushing the boundaries of medical research and providing compassionate care has set a shining example for healthcare institutions worldwide. We are grateful for their tireless efforts in championing hope, healing, and a brighter future for the children of today and tomorrow.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY VICE CHAIR  
MR. DANNY ESPINO**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 23-042 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing St. Jude Children's Research Hospital for providing free health care and accommodations to children and families with pediatric catastrophic disease for over 60 years.

**RESOLUTION 23-042 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
RECOGNIZING ST. JUDE CHILDREN’S RESEARCH HOSPITAL FOR PROVIDING  
FREE HEALTH CARE AND ACCOMMODATIONS TO CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WITH  
PEDIATRIC CATASTROPHIC DISEASE FOR OVER 60 YEARS**

**WHEREAS**, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (St. Jude) is a world-renowned pediatric treatment and research facility located in Memphis, Tennessee. Consistent with the vision of their founder Danny Thomas, St. Jude opened its doors in 1962 with the promise that no child would be denied treatment based on race, religion, or financial resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the hospital's mission is to advance cures and means of prevention for pediatric catastrophic diseases through research and treatment. St. Jude is known for providing cutting-edge medical care to children with cancer and other life-threatening illnesses. Most of their funding comes from individual contributions and donors. Families never receive a bill from St. Jude for treatment, travel, housing, or food; and

**WHEREAS**, St. Jude is designated a National Cancer Institute Comprehensive Cancer Center, the first and only cancer center solely focused on pediatric cancer to receive this distinction. Since its founding more than 60 years ago, treatments developed at St. Jude have helped push the overall childhood cancer survival rate from 20% to more than 80%; and

**WHEREAS**, September is recognized as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. During this time of the year, St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital and other organizations honor children and survivors affected by pediatric cancer and raise awareness about the need for research and treatment of the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, the St. Jude Walk/Run 5K hybrid event is an inspiring, family-friendly event taking place virtually and nationwide. It unites people behind the lifesaving mission of St. Jude: Finding cures. Saving children. Their goal is to fundraise \$300,000 for childhood cancer research; and

**WHEREAS**, School Board Vice Chair Danny Espino and the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognize and applaud the invaluable work of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in transforming the lives of countless young patients and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, its unwavering dedication to pushing the boundaries of medical research and providing compassionate care has set a shining example for healthcare institutions worldwide. We are grateful for their tireless efforts in championing hope, healing, and a brighter future for the children of today and tomorrow;

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution 23-042 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital for providing free health care and accommodations to children and families with pediatric catastrophic disease for over 60 years.

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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SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR

ATTEST

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Secretary