

Dr. Bendross-Mindingall, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 23-044 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF PROGRESSIVE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION CHARITIES INC.

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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

The Progressive Firefighters Association Charities, Inc. (PFA) of Miami-Dade County, Florida, a non-profit organization, was established in 1978 in response to an increased awareness of the growing complexity of problems experienced in our communities. Its founders and others felt the need to act immediately to address issues affecting the community such as: fire prevention, safety, health concerns, and social and economic barriers.

Since its inception, the PFA has sustained a long and unwavering commitment to combating issues that continue to permeate our communities today. The organization has assisted hundreds of individuals interested in careers in the fire service and has facilitated other worthwhile endeavors in the community. Some notable initiatives include blood pressure screenings, voter registration drives, installation of smoke detectors, CPR trainings, fire safety trainings, Toys-for-Tots drives, Thanksgiving turkey drives, sickle cell anemia fundraisings, DCPS school youth mentorship programs, martial arts programs, and a M-DCC Scholarship Foundation. PFA also hosts a Christmas dinner for seniors and a Halloween party for children.

In 2013, the Progressive Firefighters Association Charities, Inc., began a swim safety program, in which over two thousand children to-date have participated. The participants have also received CPR training, Automated External Defibrillator (AED) use training, and basic first aid training. To-date eight (8) of the participants who have completed the course have come back to assist with the swim program or have gone on to secure jobs that require the skills that they learned during the program. The swim program has been an enormous success and continues to appeal to others, such as community leaders, professional ball players, business leaders, celebrities, and others who want to offer their assistance.

The Progressive Firefighters Association Charities, Inc., will continue to call on its membership, as well as all those who believe in the importance of giving back to help others whenever possible. The organization continues to thrive because of the UNITY and SUPPORT of each of its members. To this aim, the PFA will continue to strive to care for our children and elders and help those who are in need.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. BENDROSS-MINDINGALL:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 23-044 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the contributions of Progressive Firefighters Association Charities, Inc.

**REPLACEMENT
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**RESOLUTION NO. 23-044 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF PROGRESSIVE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION
CHARITIES, INC.**

WHEREAS, the Progressive Firefighters Association Charities, Inc. (PFA) of Miami-Dade County, Florida, a non-profit organization, was established in 1978 in response to an increased awareness of the growing complexity of problems experienced in our communities. Its founders and others felt the need to act immediately to address issues affecting the community such as: fire prevention, safety, health concerns, and social and economic barriers; and

WHEREAS, since its inception, the PFA has sustained a long and unwavering commitment to combating issues that continue to permeate our communities today. The organization has assisted hundreds of individuals interested in careers in the fire service and has facilitated other worthwhile endeavors in the community. Some notable initiatives include blood pressure screenings, voter registration drives, installation of smoke detectors, CPR trainings, fire safety trainings, Toys-for-Tots drives, Thanksgiving turkey drives, sickle cell anemia fundraisings, DCPS school youth mentorship programs, martial arts programs, and a M-DCC Scholarship Foundation. PFA also hosts a Christmas dinner for seniors and a Halloween party for children; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 23-044 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the contributions of Progressive Firefighters Association Charities, Inc.

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

SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary