

Ms. Luisa Santos, Board Member

Co-Sponsor: Ms. Mary Blanco }
Mr. Daniel Espino } REVISED AT DAIS BY BOARD ACTION

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 24-015 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING 100 YEARS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COUNCIL OF PTAS/PTSAS

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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

The National Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) is the largest volunteer child advocacy organization in the country. The Miami-Dade County Council of PTAs/PTSAs was organized in 1923 under the authority of the Florida PTA. In the present, the Miami-Dade Council is comprised of about 50,000 members within 350 local units, serving more than 350,000 students and families. Through advocacy, family engagement, and community education, the goal of the Miami-Dade Council PTAs/PTSAs is to be a powerful voice for all children, a relevant resource for all parents, and a strong advocate for public education.

Through the years, the Miami-Dade Council of PTAs/PTSAs, Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS), and The School Board of Miami-Dade County, along with other community organizations, have built a strong and effective partnership to improve the lives and future of generations of children in our community. Countless initiatives in our school district have benefited from the support and advocacy of the Miami-Dade Council of PTAs/PTSAs, including initiatives concerning school safety, health and nutrition, early childhood education, the arts, environmental sustainability, digital infrastructure, and post-secondary education, among others.

The Miami-Dade Council of PTAs/PTSAs believes in the power of community and cooperation. The Council seeks to strengthen and unite collective efforts to solve community wide problems affecting children and families. To this end, the Council supports and promotes programs and service projects that result in the greatest benefit for our students and community. It fosters collaboration with other organizations to achieve common goals in support of students and schools, promotes a deeper understanding of home-school cooperation, and encourages communication among parents, school administrators, the school board, and the general public.

For the past 100 years, guided by the principle of “every **child.one voice**,” the Miami-Dade County Council of PTAs/PTSAs has lived up to, and continues to uphold, its mission “to make every child’s potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.” The current leadership of the Miami-Dade Council of PTAs/PTSAs includes the following members: Maria Norton, President; Fatima Chaiken, Vice President of Advocacy and Legislation; Erica Watts, Vice President of Local Units; Norma Schwartz, Vice President of Education; Lelany Undiano, Vice President of Organization; Dr. Chrisanne Fordik, Treasurer; Rosa Lopez, Recording Secretary; Karen Grace, North Region Coordinator;

Jacqueline Kellog, Central Region Coordinator; Cynthia Klimekoski, South Region Coordinator; and Julie Palm, Parliamentarian.

This resolution celebrates the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Maimi-Dade County Council of PTAs/PTSAs and recognizes the countless contributions and unwavering support of the Council to Miami-Dade County Public Schools, its students and families, and the entire Miami-Dade County community.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. LUISA SANTOS:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 24-015 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing 100 years of Miami-Dade County Council of PTAS/PTSAS.

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-015 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING 100 YEARS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COUNCIL OF PTAS/PTSAS**

WHEREAS, the National Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) is the largest volunteer child advocacy organization in the country. The Miami-Dade County Council of PTAs/PTSAs was organized in 1923 under the authority of the Florida PTA. In the present, the Miami-Dade Council is comprised of about 50,000 members within 350 local units, serving more than 350,000 students and families. Through advocacy, family engagement, and community education, the goal of the Miami-Dade Council PTAs/PTSAs is to be a powerful voice for all children, a relevant resource for all parents, and a strong advocate for public education; and

WHEREAS, through the years, the Miami-Dade Council of PTAs/PTSAs, Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS), and The School Board of Miami-Dade County, along with other community organizations, have built a strong and effective partnership to improve the lives and future of generations of children in our community. Countless initiatives in our school district have benefited from the support and advocacy of the Miami-Dade Council of PTAs/PTSAs, including initiatives concerning school safety, health and nutrition, early childhood education, the arts, environmental sustainability, digital infrastructure, and post-secondary education, among others; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade Council of PTAs/PTSAs believes in the power of community and cooperation. The Council seeks to strengthen and unite collective efforts to solve community wide problems affecting children and families. To this end, the Council supports and promotes programs and service projects that result in the greatest benefit for our students and community. It fosters collaboration with other organizations to achieve common goals in support of students and schools, promotes a deeper understanding of home-school cooperation, and encourages communication among parents, school administrators, the school board, and the general public; and

WHEREAS, for the past 100 years, guided by the principle of “*every child.one voice*,” the Miami-Dade County Council of PTAs/PTSAs has lived up to, and continues to uphold, its mission “to make every child’s potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.” The current leadership of the Miami-Dade Council of PTAs/PTSAs includes the following members: Maria Norton, President; Fatima Chaiken, Vice President of Advocacy and Legislation; Erica Watts, Vice President of Local Units; Norma Schwartz, Vice President of Education; Lelany Undiano, Vice President of Organization; Dr. Chrisanne Fordik, Treasurer; Rosa Lopez, Recording Secretary; Karen Grace, North Region Coordinator; Jacqueline Kellog, Central Region Coordinator; Cynthia Klimekoski, South Region Coordinator; and Julie Palm, Parliamentarian.

WHEREAS, this resolution celebrates the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Miami-Dade County Council of PTAs/PTSAs and recognizes the countless contributions and unwavering support of the Council to Miami-Dade County Public Schools, its students and families, and the entire Miami-Dade County community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 24-015 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing 100 years of Miami-Dade County Council of PTAs/PTSAS.

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

Presented this thirteenth day of March, A.D. 2024

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary