

Ms. Maria Teresa Rojas, Chair

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 24-022 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE CELEBRATION OF THE 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF CORAL GABLES PREPARATORY ACADEMY**

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

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

Coral Gables Elementary School opened its doors in October of 1923 as part of George E. Merrick’s vision to turn the city he founded, Coral Gables, into a haven of beauty, education, and community unity. It was a dream come true for Mr. Merrick who believed that “beautiful things inspire higher ideals in the minds of children.” The school opened with 39 students but within two weeks enrollment was nearly quadrupled and continued to increase.

During its long and storied history, the school has provided thousands of students with a solid educational foundation. Teachers have devoted their entire careers to the school and nine principals have steered the school with outstanding leadership over the last century.

In 1988, this beautiful school building was added to the United States (U.S.) National Register of Historic Places, and in 2010, the school was converted to Coral Gables Preparatory Academy for students from Pre-Kindergarten through eighth grade expanding onto the nearby camps of Merrick Educational Center. The school has made a lasting impression on the countless lives it has touched and has consistently remained a top performing school.

Today, Coral Gables Preparatory Academy is home to 845 students and 82 staff members between the historical Minorca Campus and Zamora Campus, who are proud Eagles celebrating their school centennial, committed to nurturing young minds, and fostering a love for learning within the heart of the school community.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools celebrates the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Coral Gables Preparatory Academy by honoring the past, rejoicing the present, and embracing the future where the corridors of Coral Gables Preparatory Academy will be filled with the laughter of children, the pursuit of knowledge, and the spirit of a unified and committed school community.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY CHAIR**

**MS. MARIA TERESA ROJAS:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 24-022 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Coral Gables Preparatory Academy.

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-022 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,  
FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE CELEBRATION OF THE 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF CORAL  
GABLES PREPARATORY ACADEMY**

**WHEREAS**, Coral Gables Elementary School opened its doors in October of 1923 as part of George E. Merrick’s vision to turn the city he founded, Coral Gables, into a haven of beauty, education, and community unity;

**WHEREAS**, during its long and storied history, the school has provided thousands of children with a solid educational foundation. Teachers have devoted their entire careers to the school and nine principals have steered the school with outstanding leadership over the last century;

**WHEREAS**, in 1988, this beautiful school building was added to the United States (U.S.) National Register of Historic Places, and in 2010, the school was converted to Coral Gables Preparatory Academy for students from Pre-Kindergarten through eighth grade;

**WHEREAS**, Coral Gables Preparatory Academy is home to 845 students and 82 staff members between the historical Minorca Campus and Zamora Campus and are proud Eagles celebrating their school centennial, committed to nurturing young minds, and fostering a love for learning within the heart of the school community; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County Public Schools celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Coral Gables Preparatory Academy by honoring the past, rejoicing the present, and embracing the future where the corridors of Coral Gables Preparatory Academy will be filled with the laughter of children, the pursuit of knowledge, and the spirit of a unified and committed school community.

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution N. 24-022 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Coral Gables Preparatory Academy.

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

**Presented this seventeenth day of April A. D. 2024**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary