

Mr. Danny Espino, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 24-027 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING SEMINOLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL MAYRA DELEON AND EMS JAVIER MONTES DE OCA

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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

On December 13, 2023, the regular flow of the school day at Seminole Elementary School suddenly changed when an emergency arose in the school cafeteria. A young student was choking. A school staff member immediately assisted the student and called the principal's office over the radio to alert them about the situation. Prompted by the urgency of the matter, Principal Mayra DeLeon ran out of the office and rushed toward the cafeteria, where she found the school staff with the young student. She immediately performed the Heimlich Maneuver on the student until he signaled that the food item in his throat had been dislodged.

As Principal DeLeon continued assisting the student and performing the Heimlich Maneuver, EMS Javier Montes de Oca arrived and cared for the student. Principal DeLeon stepped aside and let Mr. Montes de Oca handle the emergency while she remained by the student's side, ensuring he was fine. Mr. Montes de Oca continued performing the Heimlich Maneuver on the student until the student once again signaled that his throat was clear. Fortunately, the student was finally able to breathe without any issues.

The emergency at Seminole Elementary School should serve as a reminder about the dangers of choking, which is one of the leading causes of death caused by unintentional injury. Food is often responsible for most choking incidents, particularly in the elderly. Nonetheless, choking can happen anytime, anywhere, and to anyone. The school staff's quick reaction and timely response, particularly Principal Mayra DeLeon, and her knowledgeable intervention with the Heimlich Maneuver and the skilled assistance of EMS Javier Montes de Oca prevented a tragedy from happening that day.

This resolution recognizes the professionalism and heroic efforts of Principal Mayra DeLeon and EMS Javier Montes de Oca on December 13, 2023, at Seminole Elementary School. Their prompt and skillful response saved the precious life of one of our students, and we are deeply grateful for their efforts.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MR. DANNY ESPINO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 24-027 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Seminole Elementary School Principal Mayra DeLeon and EMS Javier Montes de Oca.

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-027 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING SEMINOLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL MAYRA DELEON
AND EMS JAVIER MONTES DE OCA**

WHEREAS, on December 13, 2023, the regular flow of the school day at Seminole Elementary School suddenly changed when an emergency arose in the school cafeteria. A young student was choking. A school staff member immediately assisted the student and called the principal's office over the radio to alert them about the situation. Prompted by the urgency of the matter, Principal Mayra DeLeon ran out of the office and rushed toward the cafeteria, where she found the school staff with the young student. She immediately proceeded to perform the Heimlich Maneuver on the student until he signaled that the food item in his throat had been dislodged; and

WHEREAS, as Principal DeLeon continued assisting the student and performing the Heimlich Maneuver, EMS Javier Montes de Oca arrived and took care of the student. Principal DeLeon stepped aside and let Mr. Montes de Oca handle the emergency while she remained by the student's side, ensuring he was fine. Mr. Montes de Oca continued performing the Heimlich Maneuver on the student until the student once again signaled that his throat was clear. Fortunately, the student was finally able to breathe without any issues; and

WHEREAS, the emergency at Seminole Elementary School should serve as a reminder about the dangers of choking, which is one of the leading causes of death caused by unintentional injury. Food is often responsible for most choking incidents, particularly in the elderly. Nonetheless, choking can happen anytime, anywhere, and to anyone. The quick reaction and timely response of the school staff, particularly Principal Mayra DeLeon and her knowledgeable intervention with the Heimlich Maneuver, and the skilled assistance of EMS Javier Montes de Oca prevented a tragedy from happening that day; and

WHEREAS, this resolution recognizes the professionalism and heroic efforts of Principal Mayra DeLeon and EMS Javier Montes de Oca on December 13, 2023, at Seminole Elementary School. Their prompt and skillful response on that day saved the precious life of one of our students, and we are deeply grateful for it;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 24-027 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Seminole Elementary School Principal Mayra DeLeon and EMS Javier Montes De Oca.

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

SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR

ATTEST

Secretary