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ACTION

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 24-062 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING OSMANI GONZALEZ, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COUNCIL PTA/PTSA PRESIDENT

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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

Mr. Osmani Gonzalez was born in Havana, Cuba, and raised in Hialeah, Florida, by his Cuban immigrant parents, who were forced to flee to the United States in 1981. As a child, young Osmani attended Dupuis Elementary and Palm Springs Middle School, graduating from Hialeah-Miami Lakes Senior High School in 1996. Mr. Gonzalez began a career in financial services, focusing on family financial planning and leadership development. While pursuing a license as an electrician, he sought speaking opportunities and began a career as a speaker, empowering individuals who had experienced trauma and guiding them on transformative journeys.

A family-oriented man, Mr. Gonzalez thrives on helping families build healthy legacies by creating memorable experiences. He understands the importance of education and is a staunch advocate for self-development, strong family values, and hard work. He and his team have been leaders in father engagement, helping develop solutions that impact millions of children nationwide in grades K-12. In 2017, Mr. Gonzalez and his team envisioned increasing male involvement in children's lives by improving father engagement in schools. He still remembers asking the school principal for permission to start a dads' program called All Pro Dads at West Hialeah Gardens Elementary. The principal was initially skeptical about turnout; however, to everyone's astonishment, more than 600 dads showed up. This was a defining moment for Mr. Gonzalez, reinforcing his understanding that a father's presence in a child's life is more crucial than commonly recognized.

Mr. Gonzalez is a passionate advocate and has spearheaded numerous father engagement activities throughout the school district. He recalls one year when he had a father engagement event scheduled at West Hialeah Gardens Elementary. He reached out to the District's Family

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and Community Engagement Office, asking if someone would be interested in attending the event. To his surprise, he was later informed that the Superintendent of Schools would be attending. Everyone was excited, and the event was a resounding success! Mr. Gonzalez has continued to work tirelessly, connecting fathers in all communities and bringing them closer to their children, going from father-absent to father-present. To further his efforts, he has partnered with other advocates in the district to increase father engagement and awareness through male-oriented activities.

Mr. Gonzalez has worked with many organizations, including M-DCPS Head Start & Early Head Start, Parent Academy, Be Strong International, Fatherhood Task Force, Early Learning Coalition, and several School Board Members, including Board Member Roberto Alonso. Mr. Gonzalez is the current Miami-Dade County Council District PTA President, Board Member of The Children's Trust, Board Member for the 4 Our Children Community PTA, Male Involvement Chair for the M-DCPS PTA/PTSA Council, Member of the Secure Our Future Advisory Committee, past PTA President for a local elementary school, and former VP of Fundraising for West Hialeah Gardens Elementary School. Additionally, Mr. Gonzalez has expanded his advocacy efforts to the Tampa Bay and Orlando areas to promote father engagement events.

Mr. Osmani Gonzalez's commitment to fathers and children has remained steadfast even in the face of adversity. In June 2018, he received an unexpected diagnosis of stage II colon cancer. In February 2019, surgery complications led to an 18-day medically induced coma. Against all odds, enduring multiple surgeries and therapies and being wheelchair-bound for three months, Mr. Gonzalez recovered. He also dealt with a digestive system condition that required two years of total parenteral nutrition (TPN), an IV solution administered 18 hours a day, five days a week. In June 2021, a successful surgery repaired the digestive issues, and by September, he returned to a regular diet. Mr. Gonzalez reduced his workload to focus on recovery but is gradually re-entering the workforce, renewing his advocacy efforts, and engaging in an active lifestyle. In the words of Mr. Gonzalez, "I'm extremely grateful to the doctors, my care team at the hospitals, my God Jesus Christ for performing this miracle, and especially my wife, Aleida Gonzalez, who was by my side through a very challenging period."

Mr. Osmani Gonzalez is happily married to Aleida, his wife of 24 years, and they have two young adult children, Adiola and Osmany. After overcoming his health challenges, Mr. Gonzalez looks at life differently, with a focus on daily improvement. He remains actively involved in the lives of his loved ones, particularly his family. Mr. Gonzalez's goal is to transform lives, one family at a time. His favorite quote is, "When you show up, great things happen."

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MR. ROBERTO J. ALONSO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 24-062 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Osmani Gonzalez, Miami-Dade County Council PTA/PTSA President.

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WHEREAS, Mr. Gonzalez is a passionate advocate and has spearheaded numerous father engagement activities throughout the school district. He recalls one year when he had a father engagement event scheduled at West Hialeah Gardens Elementary. He reached out to the District's Family and Community Engagement Office, asking if someone would be interested in attending the event. To his surprise, he was later informed that the Superintendent of Schools would be attending. Everyone was excited, and the event was a resounding success! Mr. Gonzalez has continued to work tirelessly, connecting fathers in all communities and bringing them closer to their children, going from father-absent to father-present. To further his efforts, he has partnered with other advocates in the district to increase father engagement and awareness through male-oriented activities; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 24-062 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Osmani Gonzalez, Miami-Dade County Council PTA/PTSA President.

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

Presented this sixteenth day of October, A.D. 2024

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary