

Ms. Maria Teresa Rojas, Chair

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 24-067 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING MR. JEFF BUD**

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

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

Jeff Bud is a proud graduate of Coral Gables Senior High School and a successful restaurateur, recognized for his innovation and leadership in the culinary world. As the founder of Apocalypse BBQ, located in Kendall, Florida, Jeff has transformed his passion for food into a thriving community hub known for its bold flavors and unique dishes like the signature Cafecito Ribs, which combine a house made coffee rub with a Cuban coffee-infused BBQ sauce.

His commitment to excellence has earned him recognition in media outlets, including the Miami New Times, The Miami Herald, Eater Magazine, and Time Out Magazine.

Jeff's achievements in the culinary scene include winning prestigious awards such as those at the South Beach Wine and Food Festival, Ft. Lauderdale Wine and Food Festival, and Feast with the Beast (twice). In addition to running Apocalypse BBQ, Jeff is launching a new brand called Lala's and mentoring the next generation of entrepreneurs, working closely with up-and-coming BBQ concepts to help them navigate the restaurant industry.

Beyond the kitchen, Jeff is dedicated to giving back. He has worked in partnership with the Sebastian Strong Foundation in the fight against childhood cancer. He has also appeared on the Day in Miami podcast and the popular David's Been Here show, further expanding his influence and sharing his journey.

Jeff's success is rooted in his family's support and his multicultural heritage. His mother, Brazilian and his father from Argentina, taught him how to grill from a young age, with his father instilling the art of the Argentine asado and his mother the flavors of Brazilian churrasco. These early experiences, including family picnics at Oleta River State Park, shaped his love for food and community.

His wife played a vital role in the early success of Apocalypse BBQ balancing her demanding work as a nurse during the COVID pandemic with helping the business thrive. She even developed the famous cornbread that became a cornerstone of Apocalypse's menu.

Jeff's mother-in-law, a dedicated Miami-Dade County Public Schools teacher, also stepped in to support the family business during its pop-up days, preparing sides and serving customers under the Miami sun.

Today, Jeff Bud's story of resilience, passion, and community serves as an inspiration showing that with determination, a love for food, and a strong support system, success is within reach.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY CHAIR  
MS. MARIA TERESA ROJAS:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 24-067 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Mr. Jeff Bud.

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-067 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING MR. JEFF BUD**

**WHEREAS**, Jeff Bud is a proud graduate of Coral Gables Senior High School and a successful restaurateur , recognized for his innovation and leadership in the culinary world;

**WHEREAS**, as the founder of Apocalypse BBQ, located in Kendall, Florida, Jeff has transformed his passion for food into a thriving community hub known for its bold flavors and unique dishes;

**WHEREAS**, his commitment to excellence has earned him recognition in media outlets, including the Miami New Times, The Miami Herald, Eater Magazine, and Time Out Magazine;

**WHEREAS**, Jeff’s achievements in the culinary scene include winning prestigious awards such as those at the South Beach Wine and Food Festival, Ft. Lauderdale Wine and Food Festival, and Feast with the Beast (twice);

**WHEREAS**, in addition to running Apocalypse BBQ, Jeff is launching a new brand called Lala’s and mentoring the next generation of entrepreneurs, w working closely with up-and-coming BBQ concepts to help them navigate the restaurant industry;

**WHEREAS**, beyond the kitchen, Jeff is dedicated to giving back. He has worked in partnership with the Sebastian Strong Foundation in the fight against childhood cancer; and

**WHEREAS**, Jeff’s success is rooted in his family’s support and his multicultural heritage. His mother, Brazilian and his father from Argentina, taught him how to grill from a young age, with his father instilling the art of the Argentine asado and his mother the flavors of Brazilian churrasco.

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution NO. 24-067 of the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Mr. Jeff Bud.

A copy of this resolution 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

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SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary