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ACTION

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 24-061 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE OVERTOWN YOUTH CENTER (OYC)

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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

Founded by Alonzo Mourning, the Overtown Youth Center (OYC Miami) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to transforming the lives of youth, adults, and families in Miami's urban core. For the past 20 years, OYC Miami has positively impacted nearly 20,000 individuals with the mission to inspire, empower, and enrich the lives of those they serve through a comprehensive and long-term approach aimed at strengthening communities. Its high-quality services are designed to bridge educational, social, emotional, health, and economic gaps, helping individuals from ages 5 and up reach their full potential.

Overtown Youth Center focuses on five key pillars of impact: education, enrichment and exposure, health, family, and economic sustainability initiatives to advance the socioeconomic trajectory of children and families for future generations. Each year, OYC Miami serves approximately 5,000 youth, family members, and adults across Miami-Dade County. Within Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Overtown Youth Center provides essential services to nearly 1,000 students through in-school, after-school, camp, and summer internship programs. Additionally, over 5,000 adults benefit from OYC Miami programs, which include wraparound support services, family workshops, workforce development, and health services. OYC Miami has conducted more than 200 workshops covering vital topics such as health and wellness, financial literacy, civic engagement, and parent advocacy. It has served approximately 100,000 meals to children during out-of-school hours, after-school programs, and summer camps.

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A remarkable 92% of OYC Miami students participate in STEAM programs that include art, dance, music, coding, graphic art design, and information technology. The organization's commitment to education is reflected in its 95% graduation rate for high school seniors, with 85% increasing their understanding of college and career options. Notably, 100% of their graduates are accepted into college, vocational programs, or the military. Just this past summer, OYC Miami placed 109 students in paid internships, with 83% of youth interns creating LinkedIn profiles and 100% establishing personal bank accounts.

This resolution recognizes Overtown Youth Center for its dedication to inspiring, empowering, and enriching the lives of those in need and continuously making a profound difference in our community. We extend our deepest gratitude for the work they do on behalf of the students and families of Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

This item has been reviewed and approved by the School Board Attorney's Office as to form and legal sufficiency.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS-MINDINGALL: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 24-061 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing The Overtown Youth Center.

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-061 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING OVERTOWN YOUTH CENTER**

WHEREAS, founded by Alonzo Mourning, the Overtown Youth Center (OYC Miami) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to transforming the lives of youth, adults, and families in Miami's urban core. For the past 20 years, OYC Miami has positively impacted nearly 20,000 individuals with the mission to inspire, empower, and enrich the lives of those they serve through a comprehensive and long-term approach aimed at strengthening communities. Its high-quality services are designed to bridge educational, social, emotional, health, and economic gaps, helping individuals from ages 5 and up reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, Overtown Youth Center focuses on five key pillars of impact: education, enrichment and exposure, health, family, and economic sustainability initiatives to advance the socioeconomic trajectory of children and families for future generations. Each year, OYC Miami serves approximately 5,000 youth, family members, and adults across Miami-Dade County. Within Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Overtown Youth Center provides essential services to nearly 1,000 students through in-school, after-school, camp, and summer internship programs. Additionally, over 5,000 adults benefit from OYC Miami programs, which include wraparound support services, family workshops, workforce development, and health services. OYC Miami has conducted more than 200 workshops covering vital topics such as health and wellness, financial literacy, civic engagement, and parent advocacy. It has served approximately 100,000 meals to children during out-of-school hours, after-school programs, and summer camps; and

WHEREAS, a remarkable 92% of OYC Miami students participate in STEAM programs that include art, dance, music, coding, graphic art design, and information technology. The organization's commitment to education is reflected in its 95% graduation rate for high school seniors, with 85% increasing their understanding of college and career options. Notably, 100% of their graduates are accepted into college, vocational programs, or the military. Just this past summer, OYC Miami placed 109 students in paid internships, with 83% of youth interns creating LinkedIn profiles and 100% establishing personal bank accounts; and

WHEREAS, this resolution recognizes Overtown Youth Center for its dedication to inspiring, empowering, and enriching the lives of those in need and continuously making a profound difference in our community. We extend our deepest gratitude for the work they do on behalf of the students and families of Miami-Dade County Public Schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 24-061 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Overtown Youth Center.

A copy of this proclamation is placed in the permanent record 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