

Ms. Lucia Baez-Geller, School Board Member

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REVISOR'S ACTION  
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BOARD  
ACTION

**SUBJECT:                    REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 24-065 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING MIAMI BEACH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

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

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

The Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation has been a cornerstone of support for public education in Miami Beach and its feeder pattern schools. Through a variety of initiatives, they have worked to provide opportunities that enrich the educational experience and improve the overall well-being of students in our community.

The Education Foundation has made a significant impact through its scholarship and grant programs. Proceeds from the Miami Beach Chamber's golf tournament have funded over \$200,000 worth of programming costs for the International Baccalaureate (IB) program throughout the years. This program helps develop the intellectual, personal, emotional and social skills of students and gives them the necessary tools to live, learn and work in a rapidly globalizing world.

Recently, the Foundation has provided funding for the newest, state-of-the-art culinary kitchen and program at Miami Beach Senior High, as well as funding and financial support for our Project Upstart students. At the end of the academic year, they also provide over \$12,000 in college scholarships to deserving seniors.

Over the past three years, the Foundation has provided healthcare services, including placing a school nurse and assistant in three schools, and conducting health screenings in all eight schools in the Miami Beach feeder pattern. The program expanded to include a social worker in all schools, with funding from a \$30,000 National Aetna Voices of Health grant, additional support from the Health Foundation of South Florida, and contributions from local municipalities.

The Links Project, another impactful initiative by the Education Foundation, showcases the direct relationship between the local business community and public education. Through this program, teachers can apply for grants of up to \$1,000 to fund innovative programs within their classrooms, allowing educators to enhance and enrich their students' traditional learning experience.

The School Board recognizes the Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation for its unwavering commitment to the education and well-being of our students, guaranteeing their success both in and out of the classroom.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
MS. LUCIA BAEZ-GELLER:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 24-065 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation.

**APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 24-065  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING  
THE MIAMI BEACH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation has been a cornerstone of support for public education in Miami Beach and its feeder pattern schools. Through a variety of initiatives, they have worked to provide opportunities that enrich the educational experience and improve the overall well-being of students in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Education Foundation has made a significant impact through its scholarship and grant programs. Proceeds from the Miami Beach Chamber's golf tournament have funded over \$200,000 worth of programming costs for the International Baccalaureate (IB) program throughout the years. This program helps develop the intellectual, personal, emotional and social skills of students and gives them the necessary tools to live, learn and work in a rapidly globalizing world; and

**WHEREAS**, recently, the Foundation has provided funding for the newest, state-of-the-art culinary kitchen and program at Miami Beach Senior High, as well as funding and financial support for our Project Upstart students. At the end of the academic year, they also provide over \$12,000 in college scholarships to deserving seniors; and

**WHEREAS**, over the past three years, the Foundation has provided healthcare services, including placing a school nurse and assistant in three schools, and conducting health screenings in all eight schools in the Miami Beach feeder pattern. The program expanded to include a social worker in all schools, with funding from a \$30,000 National Aetna Voices of Health grant, additional support from the Health Foundation of South Florida, and contributions from local municipalities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Links Project, another impactful initiative by the Education Foundation, showcases the direct relationship between the local business community and public education. Through this program, teachers can apply for grants of up to \$1,000 to fund innovative programs within their classrooms, allowing educators to enhance and enrich their students' traditional learning experience; and

**WHEREAS**, the School Board recognizes the Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation for its unwavering commitment to the education and well-being of our students, guaranteeing their success both in and out of the classroom;

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 24-065 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation.

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