

Office of School Board Members  
Board Meeting of March 19, 2025

March 12, 2025

Mr. Joseph S. Geller, Board Member

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**SUBJECT: EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE STARTUP OLÉ MIAMI VENTURE CAPITAL EVENT SPONSORED BY CAMACOL**

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

**LINK TO STRATEGIC**

**PLAN: INFORMED, ENGAGED, & EMPOWERED STAKEHOLDERS**

The School Board expresses support for the Startup OLÉ Miami event, scheduled for March 23-24, 2025, at the Miami Marlins Stadium, sponsored by CAMACOL (Latin Chamber of Commerce of the United States).

Startup OLÉ, originating from the Department of Artificial Intelligence & High Technology at the University of Salamanca—Spain's oldest university and Europe's second oldest—has established itself as one of the most significant innovation and entrepreneurship fairs in the Ibero-American world. Throughout its history, Startup OLÉ has connected over 40,000 attendees from more than 120 countries, featuring 1,500+ startups, scale-ups, and spin-offs; 1,200+ speakers; and 300+ companies and investors with venture capital portfolios exceeding €100 million and a combined investment portfolio of more than €50 billion (US\$55 billion).

This event represents a transformative opportunity for Miami-Dade County Public Schools students, particularly those in STEM, entrepreneurship, and business programs. It provides valuable exposure to global innovation ecosystems, career pathways in technology and entrepreneurship, and potential internship and mentorship opportunities with participating companies and investors.

The educational benefits that this premier event brings to our community are substantial, and student participation where appropriate and feasible should be encouraged.

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This item has been reviewed and approved by the Office of the General Counsel as to form and legal sufficiency

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
MR. JOSEPH S. GELLER:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida express support for the Startup OLÉ Miami venture capital event scheduled for March 23-24, 2025, at the Miami Marlins Stadium, sponsored by CAMACOL, and request the Superintendent of Schools to encourage student participation where appropriate and feasible.