

Mr. Roberto J. Alonso, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 25-052 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA RECOGNIZING NEW WORLD SCHOOL OF THE ARTS STUDENT CREATIONS OF MIAMI-DADE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION'S MASCOTS TRANSPORTATION SAFETY INFLUENCERS

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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

On November 14, 2024, the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Governing Board unanimously adopted a motion to promote educational opportunities and exchanges with The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida. Miami-Dade County Public Schools has a long-established partnership with the Miami-Dade TPO dedicated to enhancing pedestrian safety for students. Building upon the success of this partnership, the Miami-Dade TPO collaborated with Dr. Contessa S. Bryant, Arts Principal, at the New World School of the Arts (NWSA) and Mr. Ray Parris faculty member to engage students in developing a transportation mascot designed to promote bicycle and pedestrian safety among all age groups.

NWSA is Florida's premier center of excellence in the visual and performing arts and has been named a National School of Excellence under the U.S. Department of Education's Blue Ribbon School Program. The NWSA Digital Imaging/3D Studies/Entrepreneurial class under the leadership of Dr. Bryant, Arts Principal, and teacher Mr. Parris, introduces students to digital and 3D design through hands-on projects and real-world collaborations, where students develop artistic, technical, and entrepreneurial skills that prepare them to create and present innovative visual work.

Three groups of NWSA students from the ninth grade Digital Imaging/3D Studies/Entrepreneurial class were identified to compete for the creation of the Miami-Dade TPO mascot. Throughout the contest process, students engaged in real world experience as they designed their figures with input from Miami-Dade TPO staff and then pitched their final products to a panel of judges at the Miami-Dade TPO office. After judging the mascots, it was Mobility Guardian who took the win with Mobility Maven and Mobility Maverick chosen as Mobility Guardian's friends.

The NWSA students were formally recognized by the Miami-Dade TPO Governing Board on January 30, 2025, where a unanimous motion was made to identify the mascots as the "Transportation Safety Influencers". On October 29, 2025, the students, Dr. Bryant and Mr. Parris were further honored at the Miami-Dade TPO Transportation Industry Forum where the TPO's Transportation Safety Influencers video was unveiled. The "Transportation Safety Influencers" will help advance pedestrian safety awareness among students at every grade level across Miami-Dade County.

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizes the creativity, talent, and civic engagement of the New World School of the Arts students for promoting transportation safety and exemplifying the impact of arts education. The School Board commends the leadership and mentorship of the faculty, whose dedication and collaboration with the Miami-Dade TPO were instrumental in the success of this meaningful partnership.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 25-052 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing New World School of the Arts student creations of Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization's mascots Transportation Safety Influencers.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-052
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE
NEW WORLD SCHOOL OF THE ARTS STUDENT CREATIONS OF THE MIAMI-DADE
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION'S MASCOTS
"TRANSPORTATION SAFETY INFLUENCERS"

WHEREAS, on November 14, 2024, the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) Governing Board unanimously adopted a motion to promote educational opportunities and exchanges with The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida. Miami-Dade County Public Schools has a long-established partnership with the Miami-Dade TPO dedicated to enhancing pedestrian safety for students. Building upon the success of this partnership, the Miami-Dade TPO collaborated with Dr. Contessa S. Bryant, Arts Principal, at the New World School of the Arts (NWSA) and Mr. Ray Parris faculty member to engage students in developing a transportation mascot designed to promote bicycle and pedestrian safety among all age groups; and

WHEREAS, NWSA is Florida's premier center of excellence in the visual and performing arts and has been named a National School of Excellence under the U.S. Department of Education's Blue Ribbon School Program. The NWSA Digital Imaging/3D Studies/Entrepreneurial class under the leadership of Dr. Bryant, Arts Principal, and teacher Mr. Parris, introduces students to digital and 3D design through hands-on projects and real-world collaborations, where students develop artistic, technical, and entrepreneurial skills that prepare them to create and present innovative visual work; and

WHEREAS, three groups of NWSA students from the ninth grade Digital Imaging/3D Studies/Entrepreneurial class were identified to compete for the creation of the Miami-Dade TPO mascot. Throughout the contest process, students engaged in real world experience as they designed their figures with input from Miami-Dade TPO staff and then pitched their final products to a panel of judges at the Miami-Dade TPO office. After judging the mascots, it was Mobility Guardian who took the win with Mobility Maven and Mobility Maverick chosen as Mobility Guardian's friends; and

WHEREAS, the NWSA students were formally recognized by the Miami-Dade TPO Governing Board on January 30, 2025, where a unanimous motion was made to identify the mascots as the "Transportation Safety Influencers". On October 29, 2025, the students, Dr. Bryant and Mr. Parris were further honored at the Miami-Dade TPO Transportation Industry Forum where the TPO's Transportation Safety Influencers video was unveiled. The "Transportation Safety Influencers" will help advance pedestrian safety awareness among students at every grade level across Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizes the creativity, talent, and civic engagement of the New World School of the Arts students for promoting transportation safety and exemplifying the impact of arts education. The Board commends the leadership and mentorship of the faculty, whose dedication and collaboration with the Miami-Dade TPO were instrumental in the success of this meaningful partnership;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 25-052 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the New World School of the Arts student creations of the Miami-Dade Transportation Planning Organization's Mascots "Transportation Safety Influencers."

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

Presented this nineteenth day of November, A.D. 2025

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary