

Mr. Joseph S. Geller, School Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 25-054 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING PROJECT READY FOR SCHOOL**

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

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

In 2015, Project Ready for School (PRFS) was founded by Julyett Gullen with the mission of supporting the students and families within the Coconut Grove community.

PRFS has gradually extended its services to include students from Frances S. Tucker Elementary and Coconut Grove Elementary and continues its committed efforts to bring meaningful support to the surrounding schools and neighborhoods.

Each August, PRFS hosts its t backpack filled with school supplies, and a brand-new book to ensure they begin the school year with confidence and readiness.

PRFS enhances this annual celebration with snacks, drinks, face painters, balloon artists, Kona Ice, and a DJ, along with special appearances from Burnie of the Miami Heat, Sebastian from the University of Miami, and a member of the Zoo Squad, creating a joyful and memorable experience for families. The event further enriches the community through educational tables hosted by Zoo Miami, the Miami-Dade Public Library, and the Key Biscayne Nature Center, as well as resources and information provided by Breakthrough Miami and Project UpStart.

Every December, PRFS conducts a toy distribution for the students of Coconut Grove, accompanied by a snow cone truck to bring holiday cheer to the school community.

During Teacher Appreciation Week, PRFS honors the dedicated staff at Frances S. Tucker by hosting two days of gratitude-filled celebrations, including one featuring freshly made crepes and another offering a coffee and drink cart, continuing a meaningful tradition upheld for the past few years.

In addition to these annual events, PRFS has also implemented a monthly program to assist the most vulnerable population of students. "Blessings in a Backpack" ensures that children have access to food for the weekends and supports their well-being beyond the classroom.

Through compassion, commitment, and an unwavering belief in the power of community, PRFS has grown into a small but mighty organization dedicated to uplifting children and families, and it remains steadfast in its mission to expand its impact for years to come.

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizes and commends PRFS for its outstanding dedication, continued service, and lasting contributions to the children, families, and educators of the Coconut Grove community.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 25-054 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Project Ready for School.

**REPLACEMENT  
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**RESOLUTION NO. 25-054  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING PROJECT READY FOR SCHOOL**

**WHEREAS**, in 2015, Project Ready for School (PRFS) was founded by Julyett Gullen with the mission of supporting the students and families within the Coconut Grove community; and

**WHEREAS**, PRFS has gradually extended its services to include students from Frances S. Tucker Elementary and Coconut Grove Elementary, and continues its committed efforts to bring meaningful support to the surrounding schools and neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, each August, PRFS hosts its t backpack filled with school supplies, and a brand-new book to ensure they begin the school year with confidence and readiness; and

**WHEREAS**, PRFS enhances this annual celebration with snacks, drinks, face painters, balloon artists, Kona Ice, and a DJ, along with special appearances from Burnie of the Miami Heat, Sebastian from the University of Miami, and a member of the Zoo Squad, creating a joyful and memorable experience for families. The event further enriches the community through educational tables hosted by Zoo Miami, the Miami-Dade Public Library, and the Key Biscayne Nature Center, as well as resources and information provided by Breakthrough Miami and Project UpStart; and

**WHEREAS**, every December, PRFS conducts a toy distribution for the students of Coconut Grove, accompanied by a snow cone truck to bring holiday cheer to the school community; and

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**WHEREAS**, in addition to these annual events, PRFS has also implemented a monthly program to assist the most vulnerable population of students. "Blessings in a Backpack" ensures that children have access to food for the weekends and supports their well-being beyond the classroom; and

**WHEREAS**, through compassion, commitment, and an unwavering belief in the power of community, PRFS has grown into a small but mighty organization dedicated to uplifting children and families, and it remains steadfast in its mission to expand its impact for years to come; and

**WHEREAS**, The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizes and commends PRFS for its outstanding dedication, continued service, and lasting contributions to the children, families, and educators of the Coconut Grove community;

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution 25-054 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Project Ready for School.

A copy of this resolution 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

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SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary