

Ms. Maria Teresa Rojas, Chair

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 26-004 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF SILVER BLUFF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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

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

In the vibrant heart near Coconut Grove in Miami, Florida, a humble schoolhouse first opened its doors in 1926, welcoming curious minds and hopeful families into its classrooms. From those early days of chalkboards and open-air classrooms, Silver Bluff Elementary School has stood as a testament to resilience, community spirit, and the transformative power of education, providing generations of students with a strong foundation for academic success and personal growth.

As Miami swelled with new residents and cultural energy in the 1920s, Silver Bluff became more than a place to learn; it became a community anchor. Children from diverse backgrounds walked its hallways, forging friendships and laying the foundation for futures that would ripple throughout the city. In an era before modern technology and expansive districts, this school united families around a shared belief in opportunity.

Over the decades, Silver Bluff's campus expanded, its classrooms evolved, and its alumni spread across professions from medicine to the arts. Teachers became mentors; neighbors became supporters; family after family found in its walls a place of belonging. The school's annual traditions, first day assemblies, music recitals, cultural celebrations, became moments woven into community identity. Though the world around it changed at a breathtaking pace, Silver Bluff held firm to its dedication to nurturing youth.

As Silver Bluff Elementary School celebrates its 100th anniversary, it does so not simply as a school, but as a living chronicle of community perseverance. Renovations and updates continue to adapt the campus for the future while honoring its historic roots, preserving a legacy nearly a century in the making.

The school has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to excellence through innovative programs such as its Silver STEAM designation, a full-time gifted program, and a robust early childhood education program, ensuring that students receive a world-class education that fosters creativity, critical thinking, and lifelong learning,

The centennial year has been marked with joy, reflection, and aspiration. Current students donned bright uniforms, echoing traditions of past generations. Families and staff have gathered to share stories of the friendships forged and lessons learned between the school's walls. Alumni returned from across the country, recalling playground games and favorite teachers, and connecting with a new generation on the brink of their own journeys.

Speeches, performances, and shared memories have filled the halls with laughter and pride, bridging past and present. Teachers have shared their hopes for the future, promising to build on a legacy that has already touched so many lives. And through it all, there was a sense that Silver Bluff's story is not just about years or bricks and mortar, it is about heart.

As the celebration continues and comes to its final stage, it has done so with a clear message: Silver Bluff Elementary School is more than a century old, it is forever forward-looking. What began in the 1920s continues today with a commitment to academic growth, community engagement, and nurturing tomorrow's leaders. The school stands as a symbol of continuity amidst change, a place where history and hope meet.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY CHAIR**

**MS. MARIA TERESA ROJAS:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 26-004 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Silver Bluff Elementary School.

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FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF SILVER BLUFF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**WHEREAS**, in the vibrant heart near Coconut Grove in Miami, Florida, a humble schoolhouse first opened its doors in 1926, welcoming curious minds and hopeful families into its classrooms. From those early days of chalkboards and open-air classrooms, Silver Bluff Elementary School has stood as a testament to resilience, community spirit, and the transformative power of education;

**WHEREAS**, as Miami swelled with new residents and cultural energy in the 1920s, Silver Bluff became more than a place to learn, it became a community anchor;

**WHEREAS**, over the decades, Silver Bluff's campus expanded, its classrooms evolved, and its alumni spread across professions from medicine to the arts. Teachers became mentors; neighbors became supporters; family after family found in its walls a place of belonging;

**WHEREAS**, as Silver Bluff Elementary School celebrates its 100th anniversary, it does so not simply as a school, but as a living chronicle of community perseverance, demonstrating an unwavering commitment to excellence through innovative programs such as its Silver STEAM designation, a full-time gifted program, and a robust early childhood education program, ensuring that students receive a world-class education that fosters creativity, critical thinking, and lifelong learning;

**WHEREAS**, teachers have shared their hopes for the future, promising to build on a legacy that has already touched so many lives. And through it all, there is a sense that Silver Bluff's story is not just about years or bricks and mortar, it's about heart; and

**WHEREAS**, Silver Bluff Elementary School is more than a century old, it is forever forward-looking. What began in the 1920s continues today with a commitment to academic growth, community engagement, and nurturing tomorrow's leaders. The school stands as a symbol of continuity amidst change, a place where history and hope meet.

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 26-004 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Silver Bluff Elementary School.

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

**Presented this eleventh day of February, A.D. 2026**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary