

Dr. Bendross-Mindingall, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO, 26-032 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING MAYOR RODNEY HARRIS FOR HIS OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS AND DEDICATION TO THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS COMMUNITY

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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

Mayor Rodney Harris, a proud native of Miami-Dade County and a son of Liberty City, has dedicated his life to serving others and exemplifies the values of perseverance, leadership, and community commitment. After pursuing higher education at Iowa State University, Mayor Harris returned home to South Florida with a deep desire to invest in the community that helped shape him, establishing roots in Miami Gardens and becoming an active and trusted voice among its residents.

Guided by the encouragement of family members, mentors, coaches, educators, business leaders, and community advocates, Mayor Harris embraced the principle that “it takes a village to raise a child” and has dedicated his career to giving back to the village that helped him succeed. Before entering elected office, Mayor Harris served his community through youth mentorship, coaching high school football, and his work with the Department of Juvenile Justice, positively influencing the lives of countless young people and helping them realize their potential. Inspired by a vision to strengthen and advance the City of Miami Gardens, Mayor Harris successfully served as City Councilmember, Vice Mayor, and now Mayor, demonstrating a steadfast commitment to collaborative leadership and responsible governance.

Under Mayor Harris’s leadership, Miami Gardens has emerged as one of the most dynamic and economically vibrant cities in the nation, generating billions of dollars in economic activity and attracting transformative investments that have enhanced the quality of life for residents and visitors alike. His administration has championed significant development projects, including major sports and entertainment investments, healthcare expansion, commercial growth, and community-centered initiatives that position Miami Gardens as a premier destination for innovation, culture, and opportunity.

Mayor Harris has proudly elevated the profile of Miami Gardens on the international stage through world-class events such as Jazz in the Gardens, the Miami Open, Formula One, FIFA competitions, and collegiate and professional sporting events, showcasing the city's excellence, diversity, and hospitality. Through prudent fiscal stewardship and commitment to residents, Mayor Harris has helped maintain the City's financial strength while supporting economic growth, neighborhood revitalization, and long-term sustainability without increasing the property tax burden on homeowners. Mayor Harris's unwavering dedication to youth, education, community empowerment, and public service serves as an inspiration to future generations and reflects the highest ideals of leadership and civic engagement.

**REPLACEMENT
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This Resolution recognizes Mayor Rodney Harris for his exceptional leadership, distinguished public service, and steadfast commitment to the residents of the City of Miami Gardens. The School Board commends his enduring contributions to the advancement of education, economic opportunities, and community prosperity;

**ACTION PROPOSED BY MEMBER
BENDROSS-MINDINGALL:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution 26-032 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Mayor Rodney Harris for his outstanding contributions and dedication to the City of Miami Gardens community.

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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING
MAYOR RODNEY HARRIS FOR HIS OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS
AND DEDICATION TO THE CITY OF MIAMI GARDENS COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, Mayor Rodney Harris, a proud native of Miami-Dade County and a son of Liberty City, has dedicated his life to serving others and exemplifies the values of perseverance, leadership, and community commitment. After pursuing higher education at Iowa State University, Mayor Harris returned home to South Florida with a deep desire to invest in the community that helped shape him, establishing roots in Miami Gardens and becoming an active and trusted voice among its residents; and

WHEREAS, guided by the encouragement of family members, mentors, coaches, educators, business leaders, and community advocates, Mayor Harris embraced the principle that “it takes a village to raise a child” and has dedicated his career to giving back to the village that helped him succeed. Before entering elected office, Mayor Harris served his community through youth mentorship, coaching high school football, and his work with the Department of Juvenile Justice, positively influencing the lives of countless young people and helping them realize their potential. Inspired by a vision to strengthen and advance the City of Miami Gardens, Mayor Harris successfully served as City Councilmember, Vice Mayor, and now Mayor, demonstrating a steadfast commitment to collaborative leadership and responsible governance; and

WHEREAS, under Mayor Harris’s leadership, Miami Gardens has emerged as one of the most dynamic and economically vibrant cities in the nation, generating billions of dollars in economic activity and attracting transformative investments that have enhanced the quality of life for residents and visitors alike. His administration has championed significant development projects, including major sports and entertainment investments, healthcare expansion, commercial growth, and community-centered initiatives that position Miami Gardens as a premier destination for innovation, culture, and opportunity; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Harris has proudly elevated the profile of Miami Gardens on the international stage through world-class events such as Jazz in the Gardens, the Miami Open, Formula One, FIFA competitions, and collegiate and professional sporting events, showcasing the city's excellence, diversity, and hospitality. Through prudent fiscal stewardship and commitment to residents, Mayor Harris has helped maintain the City's financial strength while supporting economic growth, neighborhood revitalization, and long-term sustainability without increasing the property tax burden on homeowners. Mayor Harris's unwavering dedication to youth, education, community empowerment, and public service serves as an inspiration to future generations and reflects the highest ideals of leadership and civic engagement; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution recognizes Mayor Rodney Harris for his exceptional leadership, distinguished public service, and steadfast commitment to the residents of the City of Miami Gardens. The School Board commends his enduring contributions to the advancement of education, economic opportunities, and community prosperity;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution 26-032 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Mayor Rodney Harris for his outstanding contributions and dedication to the City of Miami Gardens community.

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

Presented this seventeenth day of June, A. D. 2026

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary