

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 26-041 OF THE
SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING ERIC AND SHEENA VANDYKE**

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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

iKrave was established in 2018 by husband and wife Eric and Sheena Vandyke as a family-driven business rooted in their passion for Southern cuisine, community, and service. Inspired by Sheena's soulful family recipes and her father's three decades of culinary experience; the Vandykes have built iKrave into a distinctive and vibrant Southern food establishment that celebrates their heritage while creating innovative menu offerings.

Both born and raised in Liberty City, Eric and Sheena met at Allapattah Middle School and graduated from Miami Northwestern Senior High School in 2001. They married on December 12, 2012, and are the proud parents of four children: Eric Jr., Lyric, Promise, and Chace. Deeply connected to the community in which they were raised, the Vandykes created iKrave as more than a restaurant, but as a place that honors their roots, brings families and friends together, and creates opportunities to uplift and empower others.

Through its food truck, which the Vandykes describe as the "same foundation on wheels," iKrave extends its reach throughout the community, including serving hundreds of workers at the Port of Miami. Giving back remains central to the restaurant's mission. For more than six years, iKrave has partnered with Creative Action for job placement, providing youth with disabilities with hands-on experience and opportunities to develop skills in the culinary arts. The restaurant has also collaborated with organizations including the Miami Dolphins, World Central Kitchen, and Miami-Dade County Public Schools to provide fresh meals and support local relief efforts.

iKrave's commitment to community service was further recognized by the City of Miami Fire Chief. During the Surfside condominium collapse, the restaurant deployed its food truck twice weekly over three weeks to feed first responders. Rooted in a belief in second chances, hard work, and investing in the next generation, iKrave continues to provide meaningful employment opportunities for local youth while fostering community pride and empowerment.

This resolution recognizes and commends iKrave and Eric and Sheena Vandyke for their entrepreneurial spirit, longstanding commitment to service, and dedication to creating opportunities for others.

ACTION PROPOSED BY MEMBER

DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS-MINDINGALL:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution 26-041 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Eric and Sheena Vandyke.

**RESOLUTION NO. 26-041
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING ERIC AND SHEENA VANDYKE**

WHEREAS, iKrave was established in 2018 by husband and wife Eric and Sheena Vandyke as a family-driven business rooted in their passion for Southern cuisine, community, and service. Inspired by Sheena's soulful family recipes and her father's three decades of culinary experience; the Vandykes have built iKrave into a distinctive and vibrant Southern food establishment that celebrates their heritage while creating innovative menu offerings; and

WHEREAS, both born and raised in Liberty City, Eric and Sheena met at Allapattah Middle School and graduated from Miami Northwestern Senior High School in 2001. They married on December 12, 2012, and are the proud parents of four children: Eric Jr., Lyric, Promise, and Chace. Deeply connected to the community in which they were raised, the Vandykes created iKrave as more than a restaurant, but as a place that honors their roots, brings families and friends together, and creates opportunities to uplift and empower others; and

WHEREAS, through its food truck, which the Vandykes describe as the "same foundation on wheels," iKrave extends its reach throughout the community, including serving hundreds of workers at the Port of Miami. Giving back remains central to the restaurant's mission. For more than six years, iKrave has partnered with Creative Action for job placement, providing youth with disabilities with hands-on experience and opportunities to develop skills in the culinary arts. The restaurant has also collaborated with organizations including the Miami Dolphins, World Central Kitchen, and Miami-Dade County Public Schools to provide fresh meals and support local relief efforts; and

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WHEREAS, this resolution recognizes and commends iKrave and Eric and Sheena Vandyke for their entrepreneurial spirit, longstanding commitment to service, and dedication to creating opportunities for others;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 26-041 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Eric and Sheena Vandyke.

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

Presented this ninth day of September, A.D. 2026

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary