

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA**

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CORAL GABLES SCHOOL COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE URGING THE CITY COMMISSION TO SUPPORT AND REQUEST MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO ENSURE THAT THERE ARE SELF-CONTAINED CLASSROOMS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES IN PUBLIC ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE, AND HIGH SCHOOLS WITHIN THE CITY'S BOUNDARIES.

**WHEREAS**, on December 1, 2021, the Coral Gables Advisory Board on Disability Affairs (the "DAB") passed a resolution urging the City Commission to support and request Miami-Dade County Public Schools ("MDCPS") to offer self-contained classrooms for students with disabilities in public elementary, middle, and high schools located within the City's boundaries; and

**WHEREAS**, the DAB resolution was presented to the School Community Relations Committee ("SCRC") on December 17, 2021, and a request was made for the SCRC's support; and

**WHEREAS**, the SCRC previously discussed self-contained classrooms for students with disabilities at its meetings on October \_\_, 2021 and November \_\_, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the SCRC passed a resolution at its November \_\_, 2021 meeting...

**WHEREAS**, the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act ("IDEA") requires school districts to make a free appropriate public education ("FAPE") available to students with disabilities ages 3 through 21; and

**WHEREAS**, FAPE must include special education and related services that are provided by the public-school system at no cost to the parent, which meet the standards of the state and which are in conformity with the student's individual educational plan ("IEP"); and

**WHEREAS**, self-contained classrooms are one related service offered by MDCPS for students with disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, a self-contained classroom is a class composed solely of children with special needs who have similar academic requirements and who would benefit from special services within a structured classroom setting; and

**WHEREAS**, City residents should not have to take their children to public schools outside of the City because there are no self-contained classrooms within the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the SCRC supports the DAB's belief that City residents should be entitled to all services required to assist a child with a disability within the child's neighborhood public

school;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** That the foregoing “WHEREAS” clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

**SECTION 2.** That the School Community Relations Committee urges the City Commission to support and request Miami-Dade County Public Schools to offer self-contained classrooms for students with disabilities in public elementary, middle, and high schools located within City’s boundaries.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS SEVENTEENTH DAY OF DECEMBER, A.D. 2021

APPROVED:

CORAL GABLES  
SCHOOL COMMUNITY RELATIONS  
COMMITTEE