



City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
January 25, 2022

ITEM TITLE:

RESOLUTION. 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.

BRIEF HISTORY:

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

The SCRC previously discussed self-contained classrooms for students with disabilities at its meetings on October 15, 2021 and November 19, 2021 and had passed a resolution in November in support of exploring the feasibility of adding a self-contained autism classroom to a Coral Gables elementary school and designating Jennifer Ward Sando as the point person of this initiative and authorizing her to speak about this initiative to other boards and committees.

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.

Attachments

1. Resolution