

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-185

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA SUPPORTING THE EXPANSION OF SCHOOL BOARD REGIONS WITHIN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY.

WHEREAS, on January 15, 2021 and May 21, 2021, the Coral Gables School Community Relations Committee (“SCRC”) discussed School Board Item H-8 entitled “Additional Support to Miami-Dade County Public Schools Regional Centers” from the School Board Meeting of January 13, 2021, sponsored by District Six School Board Member Maria Teresa Rojas; and

WHEREAS, on May 21, 2021 the SCRC passed a resolution urging the City Commission to support the expansion of School Board Regions within Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) is currently decentralized into three (3) Regional Centers, each headed by a Region Superintendent and Region Directors reporting to each Region Superintendent; and

WHEREAS, each Regional Center may cover over 260 square miles and support an average of 110 schools including specialized centers; and

WHEREAS, traffic distress within the County presents a great concern for region staff driving to assigned schools, as well as working parents who may have to drive long distances to access region personnel; and

WHEREAS, given the number of schools in each region, the distance and traffic factors associated with traveling to schools, and the responsibilities within each Region Director’s purview, it can be extremely challenging for Region Directors to visit schools on a regular basis and provide adequate support and supervision to those schools; and

WHEREAS, for the aforementioned reasons, the City Commission supports expanding the number of school board regions within Miami-Dade County in an effort to better serve the school community in the City of Coral Gables and the county at large;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA:

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 Commission hereby expresses its support for expanding the number of School Board Regions within Miami-Dade County.

SECTION 3. That this Resolution shall become effective upon the date of its passage and adoption herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS THIRTEENTH DAY OF JULY, A.D. 2021.
(Moved: Menendez / Seconded: Fors, Jr.)
(Yeas: Fors, Jr., Mena, Menendez, Anderson, Lago)
(Unanimous: 5-0 Vote)
(Agenda Item: 2-4)

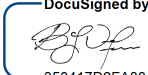
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