

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

**RESOLUTION
CORAL GABLES ADVISORY BOARD ON DISABILITY AFFAIRS**

A RESOLUTION BY THE CORAL GABLES ADVISORY BOARD ON DISABILITY AFFAIRS URGING THAT THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES 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 BOUNDARIES

WHEREAS, the Coral Gables Advisory Board on Disability Affairs (the “Board”) advises and provides input to City staff regarding matters affecting individuals with disabilities in an effort to support inclusion and full and effective participation of individuals with disabilities within the City of Coral Gables; and

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, one related service offered by Miami-Dade County Public Schools for students with disabilities are self-contained classrooms; and

WHEREAS, a self-contained classroom is a class composed of children who would benefit from special services within a structured classroom composed solely of children having special needs. In a self-contained classroom, students share similar academic requirements; 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 in a public school within the City; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes that City residents shall be entitled to all services as required to assist a child with a disability within the child’s neighborhood public school.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CORAL GABLES ADVISORY BOARD ON DISABILITY AFFAIRS:

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 Coral Gables Advisory Board on Disability Affairs urges the City of Coral Gables 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 boundaries.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CORAL GABLES ADVISORY BOARD ON
DISABILITY AFFAIRS ON THIS 1ST DAY OF DECEMBER 2021

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SECRETARY TO THE BOARD