

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-

A RESOLUTION OF THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE URGING THE CITY COMMISSION TO SUPPORT THE EXPANSION OF SCHOOL BOARD REGIONS WITHIN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY.

WHEREAS, on January 15, 2021 and May 21, 2021, the 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, Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) are currently decentralized with three (3) Regional Centers, each headed by a Region Superintendent and Region Directors reporting to each Region Superintendent; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has created additional challenges to the Regional Centers, greatly expanding their roles in supporting schools, students, and parents within the region community which should be urgently considered and addressed; 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 around to assigned schools, as well as working parents who may have to drive long distances to access region personnel; and

WHEREAS, with all the different responsibilities assigned to a Region Director, it may be extremely challenging for him or her to be able to visit schools on a regular basis and provide adequate support and supervision to the schools and principals within his or her region; and

WHEREAS, due to the concerns outlined in this resolution and further discussed in School Board Item H-8 (attached hereto), the SCRC urges the City Commission to support the expansion of school board regions within Miami-Dade County;

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 requests that the City Commission support the expansion of school board regions within Miami-Dade County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS TWENTY-FIRST OF MAY, A.D. 2021

APPROVED:

CORAL GABLES
SCHOOL COMMUNITY RELATIONS
COMMITTEE