

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO PARTNER WITH LITTLE KIDS ROCK TO BRING CULTURALLY RELEVANT MUSIC EDUCATION TO BISCAYNE BEACH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, MIAMI BEACH NAUTILUS MIDDLE SCHOOL, AND MIAMI BEACH SOUTH POINTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, WHICH SHALL COMMENCE IN JANUARY OF THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR AND CONTINUE EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, WITH THE CITY MAKING A ONETIME CONTRIBUTION DURING THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$24,000.00, COMPRISED OF \$18,000.00 FOR MUSIC EDUCATION, AND \$6,000.00 FOR APPROVED OUT-OF-POCKET TRAVEL EXPENSES FOR ONE MUSIC TEACHER AT EACH OF THE MIAMI BEACH PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR PARTICIPATION AT THE ANNUAL 2019-2020 SUMMER WORKSHOP, WHICH CITY CONTRIBUTION SHALL BE APPROPRIATED FROM THE CITY'S GENERAL FUND; AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT A FUNDING MATCH OF \$18,000.00 BY LITTLE KIDS ROCK THROUGH THE WILDFLOWER FOUNDATION, WITH SUCH FUNDS TO BE USED FOR ADDITIONAL TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND MUSIC EQUIPMENT FOR MIAMI BEACH SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL, MIAMI BEACH NAUTILUS MIDDLE SCHOOL, MIAMI BEACH FIENBERG FISHER K-8, MIAMI BEACH SOUTH POINTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, NORTH BEACH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND BISCAYNE BEACH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

WHEREAS, in January 2008, the City of Miami Beach, Florida ("City") entered into an Education Compact with Miami-Dade County Public Schools ("M-DCPS") to enhance learning opportunities for youth; and

WHEREAS, the Education Compact reflects the desire of the Miami Beach community to support excellence in the City's public schools; and

WHEREAS, the Education Compact currently addresses and supports the following priority areas: Teacher Recruitment/Retention; Communication; Parental Involvement/Family Support; Youth and Community Engagement; Health and Well-Being; Student Achievement; Safety; and Technology; and

WHEREAS, the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics ("STEM") to Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics ("STEAM") movement has been taking root over the past several years and is surging forward as a positive model of action to truly meet the needs of a 21st century economy; and

WHEREAS, STEM alone, without the Arts component, misses several key components that many employers, educators, and parents have voiced as critical for our children to thrive in the present and rapidly approaching future; and

WHEREAS, STEAM is an educational approach to learning that uses Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics as access points for guiding student inquiry, dialogue, and critical thinking; and

WHEREAS, the end results of the STEAM education approach are students who take thoughtful risks, engage in experimental learning, persist in problem-solving, embrace collaboration, and work through the creative process; and

WHEREAS, the Administration is seeking to partner with Little Kids Rock to bring innovative and inclusive music education to students in Miami Beach; and

WHEREAS, currently, North Beach Elementary School, Miami Beach Fienberg Fisher K-8, and Miami Beach Senior High School partner with Little Kids Rock to provide opportunities for youth in Miami Beach; and,

WHEREAS, Little Kids Rock has invented an entirely new kind of school music program called Modern Band, which features guitar, bass, keyboard, drums, vocals, technology, and computers, and teaches kids to perform, improvise and compose using the popular styles that they know and love including rock, pop, reggae, hip-hop, R & B and other modern styles; and

WHEREAS, youth see themselves reflected in their classes, which strengthens their connection to their school, their peers, and their community; and

WHEREAS, a number of partner districts, including the nation's two largest public school systems, the New York City Department of Education, and the Los Angeles Unified School District, as well as the Dallas Independent School District, the Chicago Public Schools, and the Hartford Public Schools have officially adopted Modern Band programming by making it an official part of their music programs and by working closely with Little Kids Rock to help make Modern Band available to children throughout their school systems; and,

WHEREAS, Little Kids Rock also donates necessary instruments and curriculum, meeting a key need of many school music programs; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, Miami-Dade County Public Schools also partnered with Little Kids Rock to provide training and equipment to 132 teachers and approximately 27,720 youth, and donating 700 instruments; and

WHEREAS, as such, the Administration recommends that the Mayor and the City Commission approve and authorize the City Manager to execute an agreement with Little Kids Rock, to bring culturally relevant music education to Miami Beach South Pointe

Elementary, Biscayne Beach Elementary, and Miami Beach Nautilus Middle School at a onetime cost not to exceed \$18,000, with a matching contribution of \$18,000 by Little Kids Rock through the Wildflower Foundation for the 2019-2020 school year with additional funds to be used for professional development and music instruments at Miami Beach Senior High School, Miami Beach Nautilus Middle School, Miami Beach Fienberg Fisher K-8, Miami Beach South Pointe Elementary School, North Beach Elementary School and Biscayne Beach Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, the Administration further recommends that the Mayor and the City Commission approve and authorize the City Manager to fund one music teacher at each Miami Beach public school to participate at the annual 2019-2020 summer workshop at a cost not to exceed \$6,000 for reimbursement for travel for such participation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA that the Mayor and City Commission hereby authorize the City Manager to partner with Little Kids Rock to bring culturally relevant music education to Biscayne Beach Elementary School, Miami Beach Nautilus Middle School, and Miami Beach South Pointe Elementary School, which shall commence in January of the 2019-2020 school year and continue each year thereafter, with the City making a onetime contribution during the 2019-2020 school year, in an amount not to exceed \$24,000.00, comprised of \$18,000.00 for music education, and \$6,000.00 for approved out-of-pocket travel expenses for one music teacher at each of the Miami Beach public schools, for participation at the annual 2019-2020 summer workshop; and further authorize the City Manager to accept a funding match of \$18,000.00 by Little Kids Rock through the Wildflower Foundation to provide professional development and music instruments to Miami Beach Senior High School, Miami Beach Nautilus Middle School, Miami Beach Fienberg Fisher K-8, Miami Beach South Pointe Elementary School, North Beach Elementary School, and Biscayne Beach Elementary School.

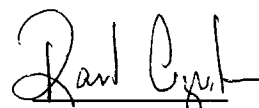
PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of October 2019.

ATTEST:

Dan Gelber, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney
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10-4-19

Date