

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FINANCE AND ECONOMIC RESILIENCY COMMITTEE, AT ITS JULY 17, 2020 MEETING, TO FUND AN EARLY CHILDCARE PILOT PROGRAM FOR MIAMI BEACH RESIDENTS FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000, TO BE ALLOCATED FROM THE CITY'S BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022; AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE ANY REQUIRED AGREEMENTS AND DOCUMENTS TO IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM.**

**WHEREAS**, on December 9, 2015, the City Commission passed and adopted Resolution No. 2015-29222, authorizing the City Manager to negotiate an agreement (the "Agreement") with Miami-Dade County Public Schools ("M-DCPS"), for the City to provide funding to M-DCPS for one prekindergarten classroom ("VPK") at each of the following schools: Biscayne Beach Elementary School and Miami Beach Fienberg/Fisher K-8 (the "CMB VPK classrooms"); and

**WHEREAS**, CMB and M-DCPS executed the Agreement, dated February 10, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, the prekindergarten services offered at Biscayne Elementary School and Fienberg/Fisher K-8 Center, under the terms of the Agreement, served the City of Miami Beach resident children from the following four targeted schools: Biscayne Beach Elementary School, Miami Beach Fienberg/Fisher K-8, North Beach Elementary School, and Miami Beach South Pointe Elementary School, following the Registration and Lottery Procedures for school years 2016/17, 2017/18, and 2018/19; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 11, 2018, the Mayor and City Commission adopted Resolution No. 2018-30259, approving the reduction in funding for the CMB VPK classrooms during the 2018-2019 school year, by approving the removal the CMB VPK class at Miami Beach Fienberg/Fisher K-8, and providing funding for fifty percent (50%) of personnel costs for the CMB VPK class at Biscayne Beach Elementary School, in an amount not to exceed \$35,000, with M-DCPS funding the remaining costs; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 26, 2018, the parties executed Amendment No. 1, memorializing that the CMB VPK class at Biscayne Beach Elementary School would be providing the VPK program for the four targeted Miami Beach schools; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agreement expired on June 30, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the Administration and MDCPS agreed to extend the Agreement to continue the CMB VPK program at Biscayne Beach Elementary School for the 2019-2020 school year, with two (2) additional one-year extensions, upon mutual agreement of the parties, with the City continuing to contribute an amount not to exceed \$35,000 per school year; and

**WHEREAS**, M-DCPS agreed to fund the portion of the costs to operate the CMB VPK classroom, which will not be funded by CMB for the 2019-2020 school year and subsequent years; and

**WHEREAS**, at the January 15, 2020 City Commission meeting, a referral was made to the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee (“FERC”) to discuss the funding of an Early Childcare Pilot Program; and

**WHEREAS**, at its July 17, 2020 meeting, FERC recommended to fund an Early Childcare Pilot Program for implementation in the 2021-2022 school year, with funding in the amount of \$250,000 to be allocated from Fiscal Year 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the details of FERC’s recommendation for the Early Childcare Pilot Program are outlined as follows:

1. Eligibility requirements for all Miami Beach child applicants and Miami Beach partner childcare providers:
  - a. Child must be 4 years old on or before September 1 of enrollment school year to enroll;
  - b. Child’s parent/legal guardian must be a resident of the City of Miami Beach upon submission of application and throughout the year of program participation 2021-2022.
  
2. Eligibility requirements for all partner childcare providers:

Early childcare center must meet Florida Statutes applicable sections to be eligible to offer prekindergarten as a public school provider, nonpublic school provider or faith-based provider.

  1. Be licensed as a childcare facility under s.402.305, F.S., family day care home under s. 402.313, F.S., or large family childcare facility under s.402.313, F.S.; or
  2. Be licensed exempt under s. 402.3025(2), F.S. (nonpublic schools) or s. 402.316, F.S. (for faith-based providers), and
    - a. Hold a Gold Seal Quality Care designation under s. 402.281, F.S.;
    - b. Each agency must apply for Gold Seal with Department of Children and Families;
    - c. Or be accredited by an accrediting association that is a member of
      - i. National Council for Private School Accreditation
      - ii. The Florida Association of Academic Nonpublic Schools

3. The requested funding in the amount of \$250,000 for prekindergarten stipend will be distributed as follows: \$250,000 funds will be available to eligible applicants and equally apportioned among eligible children in an amount not to exceed \$2,700 per child, for maximum hourly rate of \$6.00 per hour, up to 2.5 hours for 180 days.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA**, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby accept the recommendation of the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee, at its July 17, 2020 meeting, to fund an early childcare pilot program for Miami Beach residents for the 2021-2022 school year, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000, to be allocated from the City's budget for Fiscal Year 2022; and further authorize the City Manager and City Clerk to execute any required agreements and documents to implement the program.

**PASSED** and **ADOPTED** this \_\_\_\_ day of July 2020.

**ATTEST:**

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Dan Gelber, Mayor

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Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO  
FORM & LANGUAGE  
& FOR EXECUTION

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
City Attorney  
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