

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 APRIL 30, 2021 MEETING, TO EXTEND THE EARLY CHILDCARE PREKINDERGARTEN PILOT PROGRAM FOR MIAMI BEACH RESIDENTS, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000 (PROGRAM FUNDS), FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR; AND AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF THE PROGRAM FUNDS FROM THE CITY'S BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023; AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER OR HER DESIGNEE 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 Beach 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, 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 appropriated from Fiscal Year 2022 funds; 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 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 for the prekindergarten stipend, in the amount of \$250,000, was contemplated to be distributed as follows: \$250,000 would 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; and

WHEREAS, on July 29, 2020, the Mayor and City Commission adopted Resolution No. 2020-31375, authorizing a Prekindergarten Pilot Program for the 2021-22 school year; and

WHEREAS, on January 5, 2021, the City conducted a computerized lottery to determine the order in which applicants would be screened to determine eligibility based on residency status of the primary parent/guardian and age of the applicant child; and

WHEREAS, as of May 3, 2021, agreements have been executed with fifteen (15) Prekindergarten providers to partner with the City to expand PreK access to Miami Beach families during the 2021-22 school year; and

WHEREAS, as of May 3, 2021, 104 prekindergarten applicants have been cleared to participate in the Program; seventeen (17) applicants have opted out or are not participating for various reasons including their preferred school is not a partner provider, their child is not age eligible, or their selected public school does not require a parental fee contribution; the remaining 87 applicants have been cleared to participate with 76 having signed confirmatory letters of participation; and the remaining eleven (11) are still pending Prekindergarten provider selection due to their child's wait list status at their preferred school or other reasons; and

WHEREAS, at the March 17, 2021 City Commission meeting, a referral was made to the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee (FERC) to discuss the extension of the funding for the Early Childcare Prekindergarten Pilot Program to the 2022-23 school year; and,

WHEREAS, on April 30, 2021, FERC members voted unanimously to support the extension of the City's Prekindergarten Pilot Program for the 2022-23 school year, at an amount of \$250,000, for approximately 92 Miami Beach youth, at \$2,700 per child for 180

days of service, at \$6.00 per hour for an additional 2.5 hours a day; and further authorizing the appropriation of funding for the Program in Fiscal Year 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Administration has funding, in the amount of \$41,400, from Fiscal Year 2022 to cover Program services for the months of August and September 2022.

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 April 30, 2021 meeting, to extend the Early Childcare Prekindergarten Pilot Program for Miami Beach residents, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 (Program Funds), for the 2022-2023 school year; and authorize the appropriation of the Program Funds from the City's budget for fiscal year 2023; and further authorize the City Manager or her designee to execute any required agreements and documents to implement the Program.

PASSED and ADOPTED this ____ day of _____ 2021.

ATTEST:

Dan Gelber, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION

City Attorney

5-4-21

Date

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