

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 MARCH 22, 2024 MEETING TO PRIORITIZE \$189,252 IN EDUCATIONAL ENHANCEMENTS FOR PRIVATE AND CHARTER SCHOOLS DURING THE FY 2025 BUDGET PROCESS AND ON A RECURRING BASIS THEREAFTER FOR THE SEVEN PRIVATE AND CHARTER SCHOOLS CURRENTLY ACTIVE ON THE QUALITY EDUCATION COMMITTEE; FURTHER PRIORITIZING \$393,163 AS A ONE-TIME ENHANCEMENT FOR FY 2025 FOR THE SEVEN PRIVATE AND CHARTER SCHOOLS CURRENTLY ACTIVE ON THE QUALITY EDUCATION COMMITTEE; AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK AND CITY MANAGER OR HIS/HER DESIGNEE TO EXECUTE ALL AGREEMENTS OR DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO SUPPORT THE EDUCATIONAL ENHANCEMENTS CONTEMPLATED UNDER THIS RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, in January 2008, the City of Miami Beach entered into an Education Compact with the Miami- Dade County Public Schools 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 enhance the health and well- being of our City's youth; and

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Beach's advisory Committee for Quality Education in Miami Beach Schools was established in 1999 to make recommendations to the City Commission and to investigate, develop, and carry out plans to promote and ensure the provision of quality education in Miami Beach schools; and

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Beach through the Office of Education and Performance Initiatives provides programming to students enrolled in six local Miami-Dade County Public Schools: Biscayne Beach Elementary, North Beach Elementary, Miami Beach Fienberg Fisher K-8 Center, Miami Beach Nautilus Middle, Miami Beach South Pointe Elementary, and Miami Beach Sr. High; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 2023-4540, codified in Sections 2-190.134 through 2-190.138 of the City Code, was recently expanded to include twenty-six (26) voting members, including eleven private/charter Miami Beach schools who have inquired about existing City funded educational enhancements; and

WHEREAS, existing City funded educational enhancements include the purchase of Agenda Planners, STEM Equipment, STEAM+ Programming, College Prep Programming, Dual Enrollment, College Transcripts, Mental Health, Stop the Bleed Kits,

Math Tutoring, Reading Interventionist, Math Interventionist, IB Program, Anti-Defamation League “No Place for Hate”, Drug Prevention, Extra-Curricular FREE Afterschool Enrichment, Common Threads, Youth Job Fair, Substitute Teacher, and Virtual Tours; and

WHEREAS, the additional private/charter schools included in the Ordinance include: Casa Dei Bambini, Klurman Mesivta, Le Petite Papillon Montessori, Lehrman Community Day School Inc, Mater Beach Academy, Mechina of South Florida (the Mesivta of Greater Miami), Montessori Academy at St. Johns, Rabbi Alexander Gross High School & Hebrew Academy, St. Patrick Catholic School, Temple Beth Sholom Innovative School, and Yeshiva Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, this item was referred for a discussion at the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee by Commissioner Rosen Gonzalez at the July 26, 2023 Commission Meeting, to discuss funding for educational enhancements; and

WHEREAS, the item was presented at the February 23, 2024 Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee meeting and returned to the March 22, 2024 meeting with additional information from the private/charter schools who have active Quality Education Committee (QEC) members regarding their interest in existing educational enhancement programs developed, implemented, funded and managed by the City's Education and Performance Initiatives Division; and

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Beach Chief Education officer met with private/charter Miami Beach schools between February 29, 2024 and March 6, 2024 to discuss current educational enhancements available to youth in Miami Beach through various partnerships, including the public schools. Following each meeting, individual school Quality Education Committee representatives provided a ranking of current educational enhancements of interest for their school; and

WHEREAS, according to school administration-provided enrollment information, there are currently 2,612 youth from early childhood to grade 12 attending seven (7) private/charter schools in Miami Beach of which 54% (1,419) are Miami Beach residents; and

WHEREAS, currently, there are 6,148 Miami Beach K-12 youth attending public schools across Miami-Dade County. As of March 2024, 4,839 or 78.7% are attending public schools in Miami Beach; and

WHEREAS, an estimated \$908,508 is allocated annually to various city funded and implemented educational enhancements; and

WHEREAS, at the March 19, 2024 meeting, a 15-0 motion was passed unanimously by the Committee for Quality Education members for to request the Mayor and Commission continue to sustain current public school educational enhancements and support the newly prioritized educational enhancements for the private and charter

schools. The amount reflected for the private and charter schools is estimated based upon current public school enhancement programs and may not be reflective of actual funding needs. The public, charter and private school representatives are united and committed to all improvements and enhancements for the educational needs of all Miami Beach children. These enhancements should only be an expansion and never a reduction of currently funded public school enhancement programs; and

WHEREAS, Vice-Mayor Rosen Gonzalez motioned at the March 22, 2024 Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee to discuss this item at the upcoming Commission meeting, with a second from Commissioner Bhatt, and favorable recommendation of making this a priority during the FY 2025 budget process for \$189,252 on a recurring basis and \$393,163 as a one-time enhancement for the seven (7) private/charter schools with active membership on the Quality Education Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Administration also recommends that any new program be considered as part of the FY 2025 budget process; and

WHEREAS, additionally, implementation of any combination of the requested educational enhancements at private/charter schools will require an educational specialist position to develop, implement, and manage all programs for each individual private and charter school. Funds for this position may partially come from allocated administrative funds for other educational programs currently underway.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY 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 March 22, 2024 meeting to prioritize \$189,252 in educational enhancements for private and charter schools during the FY 2025 budget process and on a recurring basis thereafter for the seven private and charter schools currently active on the Quality Education Committee; and further prioritize \$393,163 as a one-time enhancement for the seven private and charter schools currently active on the Quality Education Committee; and further authorize the City Clerk and City Manager or his/her designee to execute all agreements or documents necessary to support the educational enhancements contemplated under this resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____ 2024.

ATTEST:

RAFAEL E. GRANADO, CITY CLERK

STEVEN MEINER, MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION



City Attorney *SH* 3-28-24
Date