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**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-22**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2014 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. [Sponsored by Mayor Shelley Stanczyk].**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Village Council desire to establish their legislative agenda items and to express their concerns as to State legislative items; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Village Council support the Miami-Dade County Public School's (MDCPS) priorities relating to its legislative agenda; and,

**WHEREAS**, the MDCPS Goals for its 2014 State Legislative Priorities encourages investing in education by increasing the base student allocation; supporting maximum flexibility in the use of funds appropriated; oppose unfunded state mandates; revise the Safe School Allocation formula; and increase funding for Safe Schools to implement and expand interventions that focus on reducing disruptive and aggressive behaviors and strengthening emotional and behavioral competencies of students; and,

**WHEREAS**, the MDCPS is seeking to modify the assessment of the penalty associated with noncompliance with the Constitutional Class Size Requirement to the school-wide average and as it is applied to charter schools; and seeking to modify the calculation of the penalty associated with non-compliance with class size-reduction to be half of the base student association instead of the full BSA; and

**WHEREAS**, the MDCPS seeks to allow local school districts to locally establish contract provisions inclusive of cost structures with post-secondary institutions related to the delivery of dual enrollment education; and,

**WHEREAS**, MDCPS is supportive of funding the provisions of Florida Statute 1013.64 pertaining to the Public Education Capital Outlay Program that involve construction and maintenance programs of public school districts; and opposing any diversion of Local Discretionary Capital Outlay levy revenue from traditional public schools to charter schools; and

**WHEREAS**, the MDCPS is seeking to ensure that state assessments and the state's accountability system are valid, reliable and aligned to state standards; and provide a transitional period for school and district accountability as the state transitions to a new assessment tool; and

**WHEREAS**, the MDCPS opposes any changes regarding conversion of traditional public schools to charter schools that dilute the role of parents, teachers, and community stakeholders; and

1           **WHEREAS**, the MDCPS supports capital funding for charter schools that: 1.) creates  
2 neither a reduction in funding for transitional public schools in operating or capital funding nor an  
3 additional taxing mandate on the local school district, 2.) requires public input; and 3.) protects the  
4 taxpayers' investment by ensuring that capital funding be spent only on assets that can be returned  
5 to the public school district; and  
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7           **WHEREAS**, concerning charter schools, the MDCPS supports: allowing traditional public  
8 schools to extend statutory flexibility on the exemption from State Required Education Facilities  
9 (SREF), class size-reduction compliance, and penalties not affecting charter schools; improving  
10 safeguards and transparency for taxpayer investments between traditional public schools and charter  
11 schools, including, but not limited to, implementing the following safeguards: 1.) require that  
12 charter school applications and lotteries be administered by local school boards to ensure fair,  
13 equitable, and transparent admission processes for all students; 2.) allow local school districts to  
14 negotiate appropriate usage fees based on market comparables; 3.) require funding to follow the  
15 student when transferring between charter and traditional public schools during the entire year; 4.)  
16 establish similar traditional public school financial disclosure standards for charter school officers  
17 and/or related parties involved in financial decision-making; and 5.) establish clear academic and  
18 financial standards for the purpose of distribution of charter school capital outlay funds as well as  
19 appropriate standards of review prior to distribution; and,  
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21           **WHEREAS**, the Village Council supports the State Legislature in protecting and educating  
22 our children; and,  
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24           **WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council desire to express their fervent support of the MDCPS  
25 Legislative Agenda for 2014.  
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27           **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE**  
28 **COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**  
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30           **Section 1.**     The foregoing "Whereas" clauses are hereby ratified as true and correct and  
31 are incorporated herein by this reference.  
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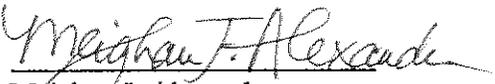
33           **Section 2.**     The Village hereby files its support of the legislative agenda item as identified  
34 in the Miami-Dade County Public School 2014 State Legislative Program for the Florida Legislature.  
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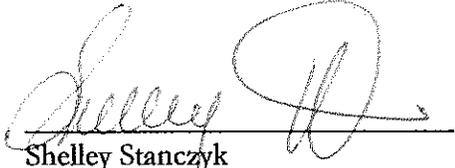
36           **Section 3.**     The Village Clerk shall provide executed copies of this resolution to the  
37 Village's lobbyist, and to the Florida Legislature, the Mayor of Miami-Dade County, each member of  
38 the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners, each member of the Miami-Dade County School  
39 Board, as well as each municipal clerk in Miami-Dade County for the purpose of distributing copies  
40 to members of their respective governing councils.  
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42           **Section 4.**     This resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.  
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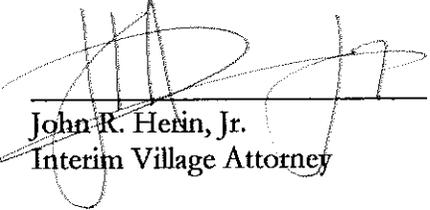
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PASSED and ADOPTED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2014.

Attest:   
Meighan J. Alexander  
Village Clerk

  
Shelley Stanczyk  
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY FOR THE USE  
AND RELIANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA ONLY:

  
John R. Herin, Jr.  
Interim Village Attorney

FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION:

- Council Member Patrick Fiore YES
- Council Member Tim Schaffer YES
- Council Member Joan Lindsay YES
- Vice-Mayor John DuBois YES
- Mayor Shelley Stanczyk YES