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**RESOLUTION NO. 2013-20**

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2013 STATE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM AND PRIORITY POSITION AS IT RELATES TO ACCOUNTABILITY OF CHARTER SCHOOLS; TO ENSURE CHARTER AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS ADHERE TO THE SAME TEACHER CERTIFICATION, STUDENT PLACEMENT, AND PROGRESSION POLICIES TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL AND STATE ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS; OPPOSING ANY DIVERSION OF LOCAL DISCRETIONARY CAPITAL OUTLAY LEVY REVENUE FROM TRADITIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO CHARTER SCHOOLS; OPPOSING ANY CHANGES TO CURRENT REQUIREMENTS REGARDING CHARTER SCHOOL CONVERSION OF TRADITIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS THAT DILUTE THE ROLE OF PARENTS, TEACHERS, AND COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS; SUPPORTING CAPITAL FUNDING FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS THAT CREATES NEITHER A REDUCTION OF FUNDING TO TRADITIONAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS, EITHER IN OPERATING OR CAPITAL FUNDING, NOR A REQUIREMENT FOR ADDITIONAL TAXING MANDATE ON THE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT; REQUIRING PUBLIC INPUT AND PROTECTS THE TAXPAYERS' INVESTMENT ENSURING THAT CAPITAL FUNDING BE SPENT ONLY ON ASSETS THAT CAN BE RETURNED TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT; 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; to wit: to focus on accountability, and level the playing field for traditional public schools as it relates to charter schools, and provide adequate pay for beginning and continuing educators.

WHEREAS, the MDCPS Goal for its 2013 State Legislative Program is for the Florida Legislature to establish a five-year strategic plan to restore, stabilize, and increase funding through the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) to achieve at least the national average in per pupil expenditures to provide the highest quality education and to enable all students to be empowered to lead productive and fulfilling lives as lifelong learners and responsible citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the MDCPS is seeking to restore the State's investment in K-12 education by increasing the Base Student Allocation (BSA) by \$100 per student multiplied by the annual inflationary rate until per pupil funding is at the pre-recession levels by designating a percentage of economic growth dollars to education as the State's economy recovers and grows;

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2 WHEREAS, the MDCPS is seeking to maintain the current required employers'  
3 contribution rate to the Florida Retirement System by absorbing any planned increase in local  
4 employer's contribution for the 2013-2014 fiscal year; and,  
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6 WHEREAS, MDCPS is seeking to exempt Exceptional Student Education (ESE) centers  
7 from the school grading system, develop appropriate alternative assessment models that  
8 appropriately measure student achievement, and establish statewide criteria for student placement in  
9 ESE centers; and,  
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11 WHEREAS, the MDCPS is seeking to ensure charter and private schools adhere to the same  
12 teacher certification, student placement, and progression policies to ensure compliance with federal  
13 and state accountability requirements; and,  
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15 WHEREAS, the MDCPS seeks for the Legislature to fully fund the Public Education  
16 Capital Outlay Program that involves construction and maintenance programs of public school  
17 districts; and,  
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19 WHEREAS, the MDCPS opposes any diversion of Local Discretionary Capital Outlay levy  
20 revenue from traditional public schools to charter schools; and,  
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22 WHEREAS, the MDCPS opposes any change to current requirements regarding charter  
23 conversion of traditional public schools that dilute the role of parents, teachers, and community  
24 stakeholders; and  
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26 WHEREAS, the MDCPS supports capital funding for charter schools that create neither a  
27 reduction of funding to traditional public schools, either in operating or capital funding, nor a  
28 requirement for additional taxing mandate on the local school district, require public input, and  
29 protects the taxpayers' investment ensuring that capital funding be spent only on assets that can be  
30 returned to the public school district; and,  
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32 WHEREAS, the MDCPS desires to establish a level playing field for traditional public  
33 schools by extending the current statutory flexibility, such as the exemption from State Required  
34 Education Facilities (SFREF), categorical funding, accountability, class size reduction compliance  
35 and penalties afforded charter schools; and,  
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37 WHEREAS, the MDCPS desires to include local school boards as allowable entities to  
38 operate charter schools, including virtual charter schools; and  
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40 WHEREAS, the MDCPS desires to improve safeguards of tax payer investments and  
41 transparency between traditional public schools and charter schools and implement the following  
42 safeguards: (1) require charter school application and lottery be administered by the local school  
43 board to ensure a fair, equitable, and transparent process for all students; (2) allow local school  
44 districts to negotiate an appropriate usage fee based on market comparables; (3) require funding to  
45 follow the student when transferring between charter and traditional public schools during the

1 school year; and (4) establish financial disclosure standards and requirements for charter school  
2 officers and related parties involved in financial decision making, similar to traditional public  
3 schools; and  
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5 WHEREAS, the MDCPS desires adequate funding for school safety to implement and  
6 expand interventions that focus on reducing disruptive and aggressive behaviors and strengthen  
7 emotional and behavioral competencies of students, as well as support legislation that implements  
8 harsher penalties for individuals deliberately placing pornographic or obscene materials in school  
9 zones; and  
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11 WHEREAS, the MDCPS desire that the Legislature fully fund class size reduction  
12 requirements while providing increases to the Base Student Allocation (BSA) and other components  
13 of the FEFP; and,  
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15 WHEREAS, the MDCPS supports increased accountability measures for all publicly funded  
16 school choice option, and opposes voucher programs that lack equitable and sufficient  
17 accountability measures; and,  
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19 WHEREAS, the MDCPS supports legislation prohibiting reading, writing or sending text  
20 messages on an electronic communications device while operating a motor vehicle in a school zone,  
21 and also supports legislation that proposes a "slowing down zone" within an area prior to entering a  
22 school zone; and,  
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24 WHEREAS, the Village Council supports the State Legislature in protecting and educating  
25 our children; and,  
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27 WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to express their fervent support of the MDCPS  
28 Legislative Agenda for 2013.  
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30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND VILLAGE  
31 COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:  
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33 Section 1. The foregoing "Whereas" clauses are hereby ratified as true and correct and  
34 are incorporated herein by this reference.  
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36 Section 2. The Village hereby files its support of the legislative agenda item as identified  
37 in the Miami-Dade County Public School 2013 State Legislative Program for the Florida Legislature  
38 to establish a five-year strategic plan to restore, stabilize, and increase funding through the Florida  
39 Education Finance Program (FEFP) to achieve at least the national average in per pupil  
40 expenditures to provide the highest quality education and to enable all students to be empowered to  
41 lead productive and fulfilling lives as lifelong learners and responsible citizens.  
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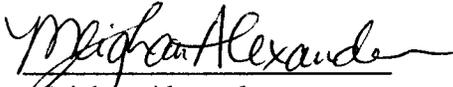
43 Section 3. The Village Clerk shall provide executed copies of this resolution to the  
44 Village's lobbyist, and to the Florida Legislature, the Mayor of Miami-Dade County, each member of  
45 the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners, each member of the Miami-Dade County School

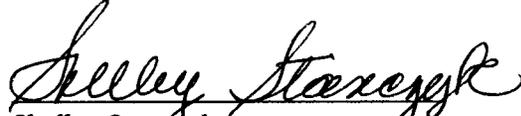
1 Board, as well as each municipal clerk in Miami-Dade County for the purpose of distributing copies  
2 to members of their respective governing councils.

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4 Section 4. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

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6 PASSED and ADOPTED this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013.

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8 Attest:

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10 Meighan Alexander  
11 Village Clerk

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13 Shelley Stanczyk  
14 Mayor

15 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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17 Eve A. Boutsis  
18 Village Attorney

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20 FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION:

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22 Council Member Patrick Fiore YES  
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24 Council Member Tim Schaffer YES  
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26 Council Member Joan Lindsay YES  
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28 Vice-Mayor John DuBois YES  
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30 Mayor Shelley Stanczyk YES  
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