

Dr. Martin Karp, Vice Chair

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 19-055 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING MADISON WILKINSON-LEON FOR HER ARTWORK AND LEADERSHIP ROLE IN THE HI-TIDES' BATHROOM BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT**

**COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: INFORMED, ENGAGED, AND EMPOWERED STAKEHOLDERS**

The Beach Bathroom Project at Miami Beach Senior High (MBSH) was started to help create a positive, accepting, and loving environment for the students. Bathrooms in schools tend to have graffiti with inappropriate or hurtful messages. The Beach Bathroom Project was created and put into action to reduce bullying and negativity by replacing it with student-created artwork that relays positive messages.

Madison Wilkinson-Leon is a 16-year old student at Miami Beach Senior High who wants to make a change. The idea for the Beach Bathroom project came to her after she had been in the bathroom and was looking at all the name calling and inappropriate writings and images on the walls. One name in particular stood out---- a friend of Madison's name was written in full followed by degrading and hurtful comments. Madison thought how it would feel if her name appeared on the walls. Her brainstorming led to the transformation of unsightly bathrooms into student generated works of art.

With the help of the Miami Beach Senior High School PTSA and permission from Principal Dr. Maria Rodriguez and the school's supportive administration her project was put into action. During the last week of the 2018-2019 school year many students made use of their artistic talents and left a small yet meaningful mark or a painted full wall mural. After two days of students painting bathrooms, a positive transformation was evident. Within those two days students were able to complete four bathrooms, two of each gender. This school year Madison hopes to paint more bathrooms and ultimately all of the bathrooms at MBSH.

Madison also created social media accounts to share her project with the world with the intention of inspiring other students to help their school environments. She posted photos and videos every step of the way from priming to taping to painting and to the finished products of amazing student artwork. She hopes that this project will make a difference at her school and make each and every Beach High student feel accepted and loved.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
DR. MARTIN KARP:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 19-055 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Madison Wilkinson-Leon for her artwork and leadership role in the Hi-Tides' bathroom beautification project.

**Replacement  
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**RESOLUTION NO. 19-055  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING MADISON WILKINSON-LEON FOR HER ARTWORK AND  
LEADERSHIP ROLE IN THE HI-TIDES' BATHROOM BEAUTIFICATION PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, The Beach Bathroom Project at Miami Beach Senior High (MBSH) was started to help create a positive, accepting, and loving environment for the students. The Beach Bathroom Project was created and put into action to reduce bullying and negativity by replacing it with student-created artwork that relays positive messages; and

**WHEREAS**, Madison Wilkinson-Leon is a 16-year old student at Miami Beach Senior High who wants to make a change. The idea for the Beach Bathroom Project came to her after she had been in the bathroom and was looking at all the name calling and inappropriate writings and images on the walls; and

**WHEREAS**, With the help of the Miami Beach Senior High School PTSA and permission from Principal Dr. Maria Rodriguez and the school's supportive administration her project was put into action. During the last week of the 2018-2019 school year many students made use of their artistic talents and left a small yet meaningful mark or a painted full wall mural. This school year Madison hopes to paint more bathrooms and ultimately all of the bathrooms at MBSH; and

**WHEREAS**, Madison also created social media accounts to share her project with the world with the intension of inspiring other students to help their school environments. She posted photos and videos every step of the way from priming to taping to painting and to the finished product of amazing student artwork; and

**WHEREAS**, Madison hopes that this project will make a difference at her school and make each and every Beach High student feel accepted and loved; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 19-055 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Madison Wilkinson-Leon for her artwork and leadership role in the Hi-Tides' bathroom beautification project.

A copy of this resolution is placed in the permanent records of this Board.

**Presented this second day of October, A.D. 2019**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary