

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY AND MIAMI BEACH SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL (BEACH HIGH), FOR THE INITIATION OF A METAL DETECTOR PROGRAM, ON A PILOT PROGRAM BASIS, TO ENHANCE SCHOOL SAFETY THROUGH THE UTILIZATION OF METAL DETECTORS AT BEACH HIGH, WHICH WILL PROVIDE AN IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL LAYER OF PROTECTION FOR STUDENTS, STAFF, AND VISITORS; AND DIRECT THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO TAKE ANY ACTIONS NECESSARY TO FACILITATE THIS PARTNERSHIP AND SUPPORT THE SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF A PILOT METAL DETECTOR PROGRAM; AND FURTHER, DIRECT THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, THE SUPERINTENDENT OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND THE PRINCIPAL OF MIAMI BEACH SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL.

WHEREAS, the safety and security of students, staff, and visitors at schools in Miami Beach is a top priority for the City; and

WHEREAS, in light of increasing concerns regarding school safety across the country, there is a critical need for the implementation of enhanced security measures to protect our schools; and

WHEREAS, the use of metal detectors in educational settings has been determined to be an effective means of reducing the risk of weapons being brought onto school campuses, thereby providing a safer environment for students, staff, and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the importance and necessity of collaboration with the School Board of Miami-Dade County to ensure the successful implementation of enhanced safety measures; and

WHEREAS, the City supports the initiation of a metal detector program at Miami Beach Senior High School, on a pilot program basis, to assess the effectiveness of this security measure and to determine its viability for long-term implementation; and

WHEREAS, the proposed metal detector program will provide an important additional layer of protection and will serve as a proactive step in safeguarding the Beach High school community; and

WHEREAS, the benefits of this initiative include increased deterrence of weapons on campus, faster identification of potential threats, and heightened security for all in the school community; and

WHEREAS, this initiative is aligned with the City's overall commitment to public safety and reflects a proactive measure in response to the ongoing issue of school shootings nationwide; and

WHEREAS, this initiative is also modeled after successful implementations in neighboring districts (such as Broward County), and seeks to position the City as a pioneer in innovative school safety practices; and

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Beach is committed to working with the School Board of Miami-Dade County and Miami Beach Senior High School to ensure the success of this pilot program; and

WHEREAS, specifically, the City will collaborate with the principal of Beach High and the superintendent of Miami-Dade County Public Schools to assess the operational and logistical considerations of the program including, but not limited to, the impact on student flow during school entry and the need for additional staff training and resources to effectively operate and maintain the equipment; and

WHEREAS, this item was heard at the October 30, 2024 City Commission meeting, at which time the City Commission directed that this Resolution go to the Quality Education Committee ("QEC") for their consideration, and return to the City Commission at its December 11, 2024 meeting; and

WHEREAS, at its November 19, 2024 meeting, the QEC approved a nearly unanimous motion (11-1) in support of this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Commission hereby express their full support for a partnership between the City of Miami Beach, the School Board of Miami-Dade County, and Miami Beach Senior High School for the initiation of a metal detector program at Miami Beach Senior High School on a pilot program basis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DULY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, that the Mayor and City Commission hereby support a partnership with the School Board of Miami-Dade County and Miami Beach Senior High School (Beach High), for the initiation of a metal detector program, on a pilot program basis, to enhance school safety through the utilization of metal detectors at Beach High, which will provide an important additional layer of protection for students, staff, and visitors; and direct the City Administration to take any actions necessary to facilitate this partnership and support the successful implementation of a pilot metal detector program; and further, direct the City Clerk to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the School Board of Miami-Dade County, the Superintendent of Miami-Dade County Public Schools, and the Principal of Miami Beach Senior High School.

PASSED and ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2024.

ATTEST:

Steven Meiner, Mayor

Rafael E. Granado, City Clerk

(Sponsored by Mayor Steven Meiner)

APPROVED AS TO
FORM & LANGUAGE
& FOR EXECUTION

City Attorney

12/3/2024
Date