

RESOLUTION NO. 09- 730

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, URGING THE REJECTION OF THE EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL'S PROPOSAL TO REVISE THE MIAMI LAKES K-8 CENTER BELL SCHEDULE; DIRECTING THE TOWN CLERK TO FORWARD THE RESOLUTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Miami Lakes K-8 Center currently provides an 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. school day arrival and dismissal schedule for the elementary classes and 9:00 a.m. – 3:40 p.m. school day arrival and dismissal schedule for the middle school classes; and

WHEREAS, the existing 30 - 40minute arrival and dismissal time staggering between the elementary and middle school programs alleviates traffic congestion; and

WHEREAS, the existing 30 - 40 minute arrival and dismissal time staggering between the elementary and middle school programs promotes the safety of all students, faculty and staff by reducing the vehicular congestion and interaction during all drop-off and pick-up time periods and especially during the period when elementary school children are most at risk; and

WHEREAS, the Educational Excellence School Advisory Council has proposed to revise the staggered bell schedule to reduce the staggering to 15 minutes; and

WHEREAS, the proposed revised bell schedule reduces the morning staggering by 50% and the afternoon staggering by 72%; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Miami Lakes finds that a reduced staggering would unnecessarily increase traffic congestion and pose additional safety threats to the students, faculty and staff of the Miami Lakes K-8 Center.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. The foregoing Recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

Section 2. Opposition to Revised Bell Schedule. The School Board of Miami Dade County is hereby urged to reject the proposal of the Educational Excellence Schools Advisory Council to revise the bell schedule reducing the staggering of the elementary and middle school programs from 30 minutes to 15 minutes.

Section 3. Direction to the Town Clerk. The Town Clerk is directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Chair and Members of the School Board of Miami-Dade County, the Superintendent of Miami-Dade County Public Schools and the Deputy Superintendent, District/School Operations, of Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

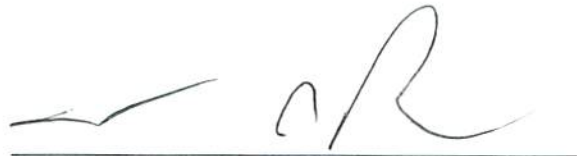
Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 30 day of March, 2009.

Motion to adopt by Richard Pulido, second by Nancy Simon.

FINAL VOTE AT ADOPTION

Mayor Michael Pizzi	<u>yes</u>
Vice Mayor Richard Pulido	<u>yes</u>
Councilmember Mary Collins	<u>no</u>
Councilmember Robert Meador II	<u>no</u>
Councilmember Nick Perdomo	<u>absent</u>
Councilmember Nancy Simon	<u>yes</u>
Councilmember George Lopez	<u>yes</u>




Michael Pizzi
MAYOR

ATTEST:



Debra Eastman, MMC
TOWN CLERK

Approved as to form and legality for the use
and benefit of the Town of Miami Lakes only:



Weiss, Serota, Helfman, Pastoriza,
Cole & Boniske, P.L.
TOWN ATTORNEY