

RESOLUTION 2025-005

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL SPRINGS, FLORIDA URGING AND ADVOCATING FOR THE PREFERENTIAL PRIORITY OF THE STUDENTS FROM CORAL SPRINGS WHO WERE IMPACTED BY THE C-4 BOUNDARY CHANGE; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO TRANSMIT THIS RESOLUTION TO THE APPROPRIATE SCHOOL BOARD OFFICIALS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, in April 2023, the School Board of Broward County (“SBBC”) voted in favor of the C-4 boundary change (“boundary change”) which affected Marjory Stoneman Douglas (“MSD”) High School; and

WHEREAS, due to the boundary change, students from Coral Springs were displaced from MSD High School; and

WHEREAS, families in Coral Springs have been greatly impacted by the displacement, including at least one family who has children that now attend multiple schools; and

WHEREAS, MSD High School now has open seating which will accommodate, at a minimum, the Coral Springs students that were displaced; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Howard Hepburn, Superintendent for Broward County Public Schools, has informed the City that the decision-maker as to the preferential priority of Coral Springs students who were displaced during the boundary change for the open seating is the SBBC; and

WHEREAS, any decision by the SBBC must be made at a public meeting; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coral Springs accordingly requests that the School Board of Broward County immediately place this item on an agenda for a public meeting during the next two weeks, prior to the window for school choice opening April 7, 2025. The City of Coral Springs further requests that it be timely notified of the date and time of such meeting; and

WHEREAS, the City is aware that the SBBC has previously given preferential priority to students displaced in similar situations when openings have arisen in the school where they were displaced from; and

WHEREAS, the City is specifically aware that the SBBC has previously given preferential priority to students displaced from Taravella High School in Coral Springs when openings occurred in Taravella High School; and

WHEREAS, while the City Commission recognizes and supports that priority is given to siblings in accordance with School Board Policy 6400, Reassignment Priority number seven (7), the City Commission urges and advocates for those Coral Springs students displaced by the boundary change to be given next priority for the MSD openings; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission therefore finds it to be in the best interests of the citizens of Coral Springs to pass this Resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL SPRINGS, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. The foregoing "Whereas" clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a part of this Resolution.

SECTION 2. While the City Commission recognizes and supports that priority is given to siblings in accordance with School Board Policy 6400, Reassignment Priority number seven (7), the City Commission urges and advocates for those Coral Springs students displaced by the boundary change to be given next priority for the MSD openings.

SECTION 3. The City of Coral Springs requests that the School Board of Broward County immediately place this item on an agenda for a public meeting during the next two weeks, prior to the window for school choice opening April 7, 2025. The City of Coral Springs further requests that it be timely notified of the date and time of such meeting.

SECTION 4. Authorizing and directing the City Clerk to forward this Resolution to the School Board of Broward County members as follows: Debra Hixon, Chair; Sarah Leonardi, Vice Chair, Dr. Allen Zeman; Maura McCarthy Bulman; Rebecca Thompson; Lori Alhadeff; Dr. Jeff Holness; Brenda Fam, Esquire, and Nora Rupert.

SECTION 5. This Resolution shall become effective upon passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5 day of March, 2025.

SCOTT BROOK, MAYOR

ATTEST:

GEORGIA ELLIOTT, CMC, CITY CLERK

Unanimous Motion/2nd

Table with 2 columns: Name and Yes/No. Mayor Brook, Vice Mayor Metayer Bowen, Commissioner Cerra, Commissioner McHugh, Commissioner Simmons.