

Dr. Martin Karp, Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 06-30
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
FLORIDA ENDORSING WE LIVE HERE: THE MIAMI-
DADE COMMUNITY STUDIES CONSORTIUM**

**COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY & GOVERNMENTAL
RELATIONS**

The Miami-Dade Community Studies Consortium is an evolving Service Learning partnership that links interdisciplinary projects between the Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS), the University of Miami, other institutions of higher education, local governments, non-profit groups, senior citizens and interested community members. It brings together a powerful partnership aimed at expanding knowledge and public awareness of our local communities and their history, government, business, environment, social life, and design. The Consortium is currently seeking a portion of the needed funding from the Florida Legislature to ensure the sustainability of this very worthy project. A resolution of the Board indicating its endorsement of the We Live Here: Miami-Dade Community Studies Consortium is requested.

As part of the We Live Here project students gather data related to the neighborhoods where they live, including the use of oral history interviews, photographs, maps, plans, and demographics in order to help define a deeper sense of individual and group identification with our region. One of the important outcomes of the We Live Here project includes the development of secondary-school learning modules which may be used throughout M-DCPS.

A web based South Florida Oral History Consortium has already been initiated between Florida International University and University of Miami and further collaborative efforts are planned with other institutions. The National Park Service has funded one small pilot project for South Dade Senior High School. Past grants from Florida Learn & Serve and other agencies have testified to the value of this project, but continuity of operations with the acquisition of additional funding for staff and other needs is critically important for this coming year.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 06-30 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing We Live Here: The Miami-Dade Community Studies Consortium.

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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
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WHEREAS, The Miami-Dade County Studies Consortium is an evolving partnership between Miami-Dade County Public Schools, institutions of higher learning, local governments, non-profit groups, senior citizens and interested community members; and

WHEREAS, the Consortium's goal is to expand knowledge and public awareness of our local communities by enlisting students to help gather data related to the neighborhoods where they live through oral history interviews, photographs, maps plans and demographics; and

WHEREAS, We Live Here Project data will help define a deeper sense of individual and group identification with our region and assist in the development of secondary school learning modules which may be used in the school district; and

WHEREAS, past grants from Florida Learn & Serve have testified to the value of this project and the critical need to advocate funding for its continuation;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 06-30 of the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing We Live Here: The Miami-Dade Community Studies Consortium.

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

Presented this eighteenth day of April, A.D. 2006

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary