

Dr. Martin Karp, Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 06-26
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
FLORIDA, ENDORSING MAY 7-13, 2006 AS TEACHER
APPRECIATION WEEK TO BE RECOGNIZED IN ALL OF
MIAMI-DADE COUNTY'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

In Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS), we have more than 23,000 teachers who not only work to open student's minds to ideas, knowledge and dreams, but strive to constantly learn more themselves. We have 550 teachers who have earned doctorates, 2,101 have completed specialist's degrees, 8,517 hold master's degrees, and 891 are Nationally Board Certified—highest in the State of Florida and third highest in the nation. Three M-DCPS Teacher of the Year winners have won Teacher of the Year honors at the state level, and one teacher has won Teacher of the Year honors at the national level.

A promotional campaign to inform the community about the worth of our teachers should be conducted. For M-DCPS teachers to get the appreciation they deserve, profiles, awards, and accomplishments should be highlighted. The District must ensure that our greatest assets are being appreciated and that the many great stories are being told.

The following ideas may help further recognize and honor M-DCPS teachers:

1. Conduct a "Know Your Teachers" promotional campaign to highlight our teachers. Categories may include "Who are our Teachers" with information on credentials, certifications, accomplishments, and service to the community or community involvement. Thank you letters from students, parents, and the community can be included.
2. Establish a committee comprised of local business leaders, teacher's union representatives, school site administrators, parent-teacher student association members, journalists, and recipients of teacher-of-the-year awards to brainstorm ideas on how to get know our local teachers and appreciate them in support of efforts to conduct a "Know Your Teachers" campaign. The committee would focus on informing the public so teachers' hard work and accomplishments in our schools are known to the community.
3. Create an online "Know Your Teachers" link with a posting of teacher profiles on the district's website and the posting of teacher profiles at each school's website.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 06-26 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing May 7-13, 2006 as Teacher Appreciation Week to be recognized in all of Miami-Dade County's public schools.

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WHEREAS, teaching is a noble profession, one that is worthy of great respect and appreciation by all; and

WHEREAS, the National PTA established Teacher Appreciation Week in 1985 to honor our educators and acknowledge the significant contributions they make to our lives; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County's 23,619 public school teachers not only work to open student's minds to ideas, knowledge and dreams, but strive to constantly learn more themselves; and

WHEREAS, 550 Miami-Dade County Public Schools teachers have doctorates, 2,101 have specialist's degrees, 8,517 have master's degrees and 891 are Nationally Board Certified; and

WHEREAS, teachers are our community's greatest human asset, and we must ensure they are being appreciated and that their many great stories are being told; and

WHEREAS, Teacher Appreciation Week is a time to celebrate and acknowledge the skills and passion our teachers bring every day to the education of our children;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution 06-26 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorsing May 7-13, 2006 as Teacher Appreciation Week to be recognized in all of Miami-Dade County's public schools.

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