

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. In M-DCPS, 550 teachers earned doctorates, 2,101 completed specialist's degrees, 8,517 gained master's degrees, and 891 achieved National Board Certification—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.

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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.

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**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.