

Dr. Martin Karp, Vice-Chair

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 07-60 OF
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING HANDS ON MIAMI**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO DISTRICT
STRATEGIC PLAN: ENGAGE STAKEHOLDERS ON DISTRICT INITIATIVES AND
ACTIVITIES**

Hands On Miami (HOM) was created in 1993 by people in search of a user-friendly approach to community service. Hectic or unpredictable schedules often make it difficult to conform to the hours most social services agencies require of their volunteers. HOM provides the solution by creating meaningful, direct service volunteer opportunities.

In partnership with schools, social service and environmental organizations, HOM organizes more than 70 service opportunities each month offering thousands of Miamians the chance to make a difference in our community. The HOM model makes community service accessible on anyone's schedule. Projects take place outside traditional work hours. Flexible time commitments permit volunteers to serve once a week, once a month, or whenever they can. Their hallmark Flexible Volunteer Program has been a resounding success.

Hands On Miami has made an enormous impact in Miami-Dade County Public Schools across our community. During the last five years, HOM developed and implemented 153 revitalization, beautification and mentoring projects at over 100 Miami-Dade Public Schools. For Hands On Miami Day 2007, their largest Annual Day of Service, a record 4,000 Hands On Miami volunteers contributed 20,000 hours of service to 16 Miami-Dade schools, creating 350 murals and implementing over a dozen landscaping projects. All of this helps to create a more productive, positive, and beautiful learning environment for the children of this community. As part of a new initiative called Hands On Schools, Hands On Miami will partner with non-profit agencies that currently support in-school programming with an increased recruitment of corporate and individual volunteers.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 07-60 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Hands on Miami.

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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING HANDS ON MIAMI**

WHEREAS, thousands of volunteers participated in the 13th annual Hands on Miami (HOM) Day on November 3, 2007; and

WHEREAS, HOM 2007, their largest Annual Day of Service, a record 4,000 Hands On Miami volunteers contributed 20,000 hours of service to 16 Miami-Dade schools, creating 350 murals and implementing over a dozen landscaping projects developed and implemented 153 revitalization, beautification and mentoring projects at over 100 Miami-Dade Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, the last five years, HOM developed and implemented 153 revitalization, beautification and mentoring projects at over 100 Miami-Dade Public Schools;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution 07-60 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Hands on Miami.

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

Presented this twentieth day of November, A.D. 2007

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary