

Dr. Martin S. Karp, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 10-077 OF THE
SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING MS. LINDA COLL AND THE CARNIVAL
FOUNDATION FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE STUDENTS
AND PARENTS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
FRAMEWORK: STUDENT, PARENT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

As one of South Florida's largest employers, Carnival Cruise Lines is a dedicated community leader. Over the past five years, the Carnival Foundation has raised more than \$30 million in monetary funds and in-kind services for local and national charities. Carnival employees are also involved in charitable acts, including volunteering at orphanages throughout the Caribbean and United States.

Under the leadership of Executive Director Linda Coll, the Carnival Foundation is an involved partner with Miami-Dade County Public Schools' (M-DCPS) career academy programs. Since 1987, the foundation has donated \$5,000 annually to the school district. In addition, 10-15 student interns have been hired every year for the past 21 years.

The Carnival Foundation supports M-DCPS students and parents through professional development events, mentoring programs, and providing graduates with career opportunities. The school district champions programs that offer students hands-on experience and prepares them for a meaningful career. The Academies of Hospitality and Tourism and Information Technology are part of the School Choice and Parental Options Office and are members of the National Academy Foundation (NAF). NAF is a national network of career academies that supports the personal and professional success of youth beginning in high school, and continuing through to professional careers. The school district currently has 11 Academies of Hospitality and Tourism and 12 Academies of Information Technology.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 10-077 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Ms. Linda Coll and the Carnival Foundation for their commitment to the students and parents of Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
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THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE STUDENTS AND PARENTS OF
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WHEREAS, as one of South Florida's largest employers, Carnival Cruise Lines is a dedicated community leader; and

WHEREAS, over the past five years, the Carnival Foundation has raised more than \$30 million in monetary funds and in-kind services for local and national charities; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Executive Director Linda Coll, the Carnival Foundation is an involved partner with Miami-Dade County Public Schools' (M-DCPS) career academy programs; and

WHEREAS, the Carnival Foundation supports M-DCPS students and parents through professional development events, mentoring programs, and providing graduates with career opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Linda Coll and the Carnival Foundation are commended for their sincere dedication to the students and parents of Miami-Dade County Public Schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 10-077 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Ms. Linda Coll and the Carnival Foundation for their commitment to the students and parents of Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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

Presented this fourteenth day of July, A.D. 2010

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary