

Dr. Martin Karp, Vice Chair

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 18-079 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING DARREN BUCKNER AND DARREN BUCKNER’S MARTIAL ARTS**

**COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: INFORMED, ENGAGED, AND EMPOWERED STAKEHOLDERS**

The motto of Darren Buckner’s Martial Arts is “changing the world one black belt at a time.” Mr. Buckner a 5th Degree Black Belt in Songahm Taekwondo, and has taught thousands of children in Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) who live in Miami Beach in this ancient martial art.

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Mr. Buckner has dedicated his life to making a positive difference in the lives of others. For the last 20 years, Mr. Buckner has strived to truly make a difference in the lives of children in this community and especially those who attend North Beach Elementary, Ruth K. Broad/Bay Harbor K-8 Center, South Pointe Elementary, and Nautilus Middle School. He has worked directly with the administration and teachers of the schools to make a difference in the children’s attitude about themselves and others, to train their minds and bodies to be disciplined at all times, and to expect no less than academic excellence.

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Darren Buckner has served the community of Miami Beach for over twenty years participated with his students in community parades and beach clean ups, providing training to the Miami Beach Police Department, visiting local schools to teach about self-esteem, healthy eating, dealing with bullies, and helping local families to become close together.

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Darren Buckner Martial Arts has supported the North Beach Elementary Student of the Month Program as well as the Ruth K. Broad/Bay Harbor K8 Bobcat of the Month Program for the past 18 years by providing awards and T-shirts to 50 students every month.

Darren Buckner and Darren Buckner’s Martial Arts are recognized Dade Partners with M-DCPS, regularly supporting and creating programs for the many schools throughout Miami Beach and North Miami.

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**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**DR. MARTIN KARP:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 18-079 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Darren Buckner and Darren Buckner’s Martial Arts.

**RESOLUTION NO. 18-079  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING DARREN BUCKNER AND DARREN BUCKNER’S MARTIAL ARTS**

**WHEREAS**, The motto of Darren Buckner’s Martial Arts is “changing the world one black belt at a time.” Mr. Buckner is a 5th Degree Black Belt in Songahm Taekwondo and has taught thousands of children in Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) who live in Miami Beach in this ancient martial art; and

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**WHEREAS**, Darren Buckner has participated with his students in community parades and beach clean ups, providing training to the Miami Beach Police Department, visiting local schools to teach about self-esteem, healthy eating, dealing with bullies, and helping local families to become close together; and

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**WHEREAS**, Darren Buckner Martial Arts has supported the North Beach Elementary Student of the Month Program as well as the Ruth K. Broad/Bay Harbor K8 Bobcat of the Month Program for the past 18 years by providing awards and T-shirts to 50 students every month; and

**WHEREAS**, Darren Buckner is committed to continually enhancing his program to address exercise, drills, safety tips and a realistic approach to self-defense situations using taekwondo, and “Builds Confidence Through Achievement” and provide an environment conducive to positive relationships, fostering self-discipline, self-confidence and self-respect among our youth; and

**WHEREAS**, Darren Buckner and Darren Buckner’s Martial Arts are recognized Dade Partners with the Miami Dade County Public Schools, regularly supporting and creating programs for the many schools throughout Miami Beach and North Miami; and

**WHEREAS**, Darren Buckner is an avid community leader who devotes much of his time to public service in South Florida and who builds up people to help them reach their full potential by promoting family values, good citizenship and an active and healthy lifestyle.

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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 18-079 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida recognizing Darren Buckner and Darren Buckner’s Martial Arts.

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

**Presented this nineteenth day of December, A.D. 2018**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary