

Ms. Susie V. Castillo, Board Member

**SUBJECT: THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
JOIN IN RECOGNIZING CITY YEAR MIAMI'S MARTIN LUTHER
KING JR. DAY OF SERVICE AT SOUTH HIALEAH ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL**

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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

City Year was founded in 1988 as a national service program to unite young adults from diverse backgrounds for an exceptional year of full-time community service. City Year has grown from 50 corps members in Boston to more than 3,000 members serving 29 cities in the US as well as in South Africa and the UK.

Currently, City Year Miami serves 10 high schools and 8 middle schools throughout Miami-Dade County. Their work address inequitable access to education, and this commitment and focus ensures that students strengthen all the skills essential for success in and out of school whether that be social, emotional or academic. Partnerships between City Year members and their assigned schools have fostered positive learning environments where students are able to advance their interpersonal and workforce readiness skills while also maintaining statewide education standards and ensuring students are on track to high school graduation.

As a tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy of service to others, City Year considers Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day as a day 'on', not 'off'. During the annual national observance, City Year mobilizes its AmeriCorps members and thousands of volunteers for a day of service in communities across the nation. This year, as part of their commemoration to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. which took place on Monday, January 20, 2020, and in partnership with Volunteer Florida, over 700 volunteers convened at South Hialeah Elementary School to provide service to a cause greater than themselves. As part of their day of service, City Year organized volunteers including students from schools across the county, parents, alumni, community leaders, and private company employees who worked together to beautify the school through various projects that included painting inspirational murals and building needed furniture.

City Year's beatification project leaves behind a legacy for generations of students and teachers filled with amazingly creative, inspirational, and colorful murals as well as new carefully planted landscaping, and even an outdoor classroom space complete with benches where students will learn and teachers will teach in the midst of nature.

This item has been reviewed and approved as to form and legal sufficiency by the School Board Attorney.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. SUSIE V. CASTILLO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognize City Year Miami's Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service at South Hialeah Elementary School.