

Ms. Ana Rivas Logan, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-40 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, HONORING MR. ANDREW POST FOR HIS SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO CHILDREN THROUGH *FUN 4 KIDZ, INC.*

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: INCREASE ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE OF ALL STUDENTS

Mr. Andrew Post is a dedicated teacher at Miami Killian Senior High School and President of *Fun 4 Kidz, Inc.* During his first year as a teacher in 2004, Andrew was inspired by one of his students whom he helped and counseled throughout the school year and through very difficult moments of the student's life. During this time he realized that he had to do more to help children. So together with some friends *Fun 4 Kidz, Inc.* was founded in May of 2005.

Fun 4 Kidz, Inc. is a private, not-for-profit 501(c)3 agency that helps individuals, ages five to eighteen, to live and thrive in their community. Our mission is to help children, families and communities to learn, mature and grow. The agency hosts three educational and extra curricula programs assisting children both in Miami-Dade County and in Kingston, Jamaica. Through the assistance of professional and college athletics, *Fun 4 Kidz* empowers at-risk youth to seek success by following in their role model's footsteps. In addition, *Fun 4 Kidz* works with public and private educational organizations in order to provide a full service after school care and summer program featuring tutoring and extra-curricular activities.

Fun 4 Kidz created programs such a *The Lauryn Williams Mentoring Program* which recently paired 25 children from South Miami Middle School with 25-student-athletes from the University of Miami football and women's track and field teams. *The Lauryn Williams Mentoring Program* now serves 35 students. *The Sanya Richards Fast Track Program* enhances literacy as well as readiness for standardized tests; promotes an active and healthy lifestyle; enhances social skills with regards to professionalism and employability for secondary students. *Kidz Combine* was held at the Orange Bowl Stadium where members from the University of Miami football team along with Olympic track star Lauryn Williams and NFL player Roscoe Parrish ran a round robin of athletic clinics where children from the Community Partnership for Homeless, Children's Home Society, Camillus House, and His House Children's Home had a great time running relays and playing with the athletes. *Fun 4 Kidz* also sponsors *Holiday Toy Drives* for children. These are just a few of the many incredible programs and activities sponsored by *Fun 4 Kidz*.

With the help of Sanya Richards, Olympic Athlete, *The Sanya Richards Fast Track Program* has been expanded to Kingston, Jamaica. During 2008, Jamaica served a total of 55 students from Kingston High School in their pilot program and 75 students this year for a total of 130. As part of the program, *Fun 4 Kidz* provided reading materials, basketball hoops, soccer goals, soccer balls, basketballs, and cones for the students.

Mr. Andrew Post has dedicated himself to children and will continue to work towards the goal of helping students realize their full potential and seize opportunities available to them. It is the chief goal of *Fun 4 Kidz* to do its part to ensure that South Florida's youth are responsible, happy and well-rounded citizens by helping to fulfill their hopes and dreams.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

MS. ANA RIVAS LOGAN: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-40 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring Mr. Andrew Post for his service and dedication to children through *Fun 4 Kidz, Inc.*

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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
HONORING MR. ANDREW POST FOR HIS SERVICE AND
DEDICATION TO CHILDREN THROUGH *FUN 4 KIDZ, INC.***

WHEREAS, Mr. Andrew Post, a dedicated teacher and President of *Fun 4 Kidz, Inc.*, realized during his first year as a teacher in 2004, that he had to do more to help children. In May of 2005, *Fun 4 Kidz, Inc.* was founded; and

WHEREAS, *Fun 4 Kidz, Inc.* is a private, not-for-profit 501(c)3 agency that helps individuals, ages five to eighteen, to live and thrive in their community. *Fun 4 Kidz'* mission is to help children, families and communities to learn, mature and succeed; and

WHEREAS, The agency hosts three educational and extra curricula programs assisting children both in Miami-Dade County and in Kingston, Jamaica. Through the assistance of professional and college athletics, *Fun 4 Kidz* empowers at-risk youth to seek success by following in their role model's footsteps; and

WHEREAS, *Fun 4 Kidz* created programs such as The Lauryn Williams Mentoring Program, The Sanya Richards Fast Track Program; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Andrew Post has dedicated himself to children and will continue to work towards the goal of helping students realize their full potential and seize opportunities available to them.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-40 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring Mr. Andrew Post for his service and dedication to children through *Fun 4 Kidz, Inc.*

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

Presented this twenty-fifth day of March, A.D. 2009

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary