

Dr. Martin Karp, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 15-013 OF
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
RECOGNIZING REN CUMMINS**

**COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL SERVICES AND STUDENT AND SCHOOL
SUPPORT**

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

Ren Cummins is an 11th grader at Miami Beach Senior High School. During last year's SHARE campaign, she went home one night and asked her mother for some money to contribute to the program. Upon learning of the purpose of the program, Ren's mother, Damarys Zarling immediately become involved with great enthusiasm. She gathered donations of clothes (new and used), school supplies (backpacks, paper, notebooks, etc.), movie passes, and gift cards. The school arranged to have the schools registered homeless students come down to the school's conference room and meet Ren and her mother privately to receive their donations. It was an amazing, heartwarming day for everyone involved.

This year, Ren wanted to do even more. She wanted to create a fund that would allow the PTSA to SHARE year-round. Through the contacts at her mother's school (La Petit Papillon Montessori School) on Miami Beach, Ren was able to donate \$23,000 in checks and a little over \$5,000 in various gift cards. Along with Miami Beach Senior High School's student body collection of over \$5,000, this year's SHARE donations topped \$33,000.

As of now, the Miami Beach Senior High PTSA is developing a system to get nominations for needy students and their families, and a process for deciding how much to give each family. It's an amazing story of a caring young lady and her mother with big ideas on helping Miami Beach's most needy students.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 15-013 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Ren Cummins.

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-013
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING REN CUMMINS**

WHEREAS, Ren Cummins is an 11th grader at Miami Beach Senior High School. During last year's SHARE campaign, she went home one night and asked her mother for some money to contribute to the program; and

WHEREAS, Upon learning of the purpose of the program, Ren's mother, Damaris Zarling, immediately became involved with great enthusiasm. She gathered donations of clothes (new and used), school supplies (backpacks, paper, notebooks, etc.), movie passes, and gift cards; and

WHEREAS, This year, Ren wanted to do even more. She wanted to create a fund that would allow the PTSA to SHARE year-round; and

WHEREAS, Through the contacts at her mother's school (La Petit Papillon Montessorri School) on Miami Beach, Ren was able to donate \$23,000 in checks and a little over \$5,000 in various gift cards. Along with our student body's collection of over \$5,000, this year's SHARE donations topped \$33,000; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 15-013 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida recognizing Ren Cummins for her dedication and commitment to the homeless students at Miami Beach Senior High School.

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

Presented this eleventh day of February, A.D. 2015

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary