

Dr. Martin Karp, Board Member

Co-Sponsor: Ms. Susie Castillo, Board Member

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**SUBJECT: ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE FOR EMPLOYEES AND STUDENTS WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY DURING THE YEAR**

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

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

Our 50,000 employees work each day to provide the highest quality educational services to our more than 340,000 students, who in turn attend school to attain skills that will allow them to pursue their dreams.

Each year, there are current employees and students of Miami-Dade County Public Schools who pass away during the school year. Sadly, thus far in the 2014-2015 school year, 23 employees and 43 students have passed away. In the 2013-2014 school year, there were 24 employee fatalities and 46 student fatalities and in the 2012-2013 school year, there were 16 employee fatalities and 45 student fatalities.

It is with great respect that we observe a moment of silence at this Board meeting to honor them. Additionally, three grade-level appropriate, highly-acclaimed books, with a bookplate inside signifying their collective recognition, will be purchased and donated to each school media center in their memory.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, observe a moment of silence in remembrance of the employees and students of Miami-Dade County Public Schools who have passed away during the year, and accept the donations of highly-acclaimed books in Miami-Dade County Public School media centers with a bookplate signifying their collective memory.