

Dr. Martin Karp, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 16-024 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE BIG BLUE & YOU AND THE ARTSEA EVENT ON APRIL 23, 2016

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: INFORMED, ENGAGED AND EMPOWERED STAKEHOLDERS

The Big Blue & You (BB&Y) is a youth-led organization that provides a global platform for today's young leaders to creatively express themselves and inspire others to live a fully ocean-loving lifestyle.

Founded in 2008, BB&Y is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to inspiring and educating young people about ocean conservation using ART & MEDIA. ArtSea is their signature event where students and their families create ocean conservation-themed art at various seaside destinations.

The youth executive board is a team of talented high school and college students serving as the new generation of ocean leaders. Locations include New York City, Miami, Ft. Lauderdale, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Students provide guidance and they assist in making key decisions for the BB&Y organization which empowers their peers to help heal our oceans. Each member leads their own annual service project.

BB&Y is focused on educating and empowering our youth about ocean conservation using art and media. The organization is hosting their 5th annual ArtSea Festival on Saturday, April 23, 2016 at Historic Virginia Key Beach Park.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 16-024 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing The Big Blue & You and the ARTSEA event on April 23, 2016.

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-024
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING
THE BIG BLUE & YOU AND THE ARTSEA EVENT ON APRIL 23, 2016**

WHEREAS, The Big Blue & You is a youth-led organization that provides a global platform for today's young leaders to creatively express themselves and inspire others to live a fully ocean-loving lifestyle, and;

WHEREAS, Founded in 2008, BB&Y is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to inspiring and educating young people about ocean conservation using ART & MEDIA. ArtSea is their signature event where students and their families create ocean conservation-themed art at various seaside destinations, and;

WHEREAS, The youth executive board is a team of talented high school and college students serving as the new generation of ocean leaders in locations across the nation including New York City, Miami, Ft. Lauderdale, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. These students provide guidance and help make key decisions for the BB&Y that empower their peers to help heal our oceans. Each member leads their own annual service project, and;

WHEREAS, BB&Y is focused on educating and empowering our youth about ocean conservation using art and media and is hosting their 5th annual ArtSea Festival on Saturday, April 23rd this year at Historic Virginia Key Beach Park, and;

WHEREAS, Art by the Sea activities include water safety, arts and crafts made from recycled materials, live marine biology experiences, beach clean-up, sand sculptures, dance, and much more, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 16-024 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida recognizing The Big Blue & You and the ARTSEA event on April 23, 2016.

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

Presented this ninth day of March, A.D. 2016

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary