

Dr. Martin Karp, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 17-064
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING DR. DORCAS L. WILCOX**

**COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS, AND
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

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

Dr. Dorcas L. Wilcox, LCSW, CAP is now celebrating her second year as the Chief Executive Officer of Miami Bridge Youth and Family Services, Inc. Born and raised in the Liberty City area of Miami, she became sensitive at an early age to the needs of young children.

Miami Bridge Youth & Family Services provides 24-hour shelter, counseling, educational programs and emergency services to children, teens and families at campuses in Miami and Homestead. Each year, Miami Bridge serves as a safe place for more than 600 at-risk young people and assists more than 550 families with counseling.

Dr. Wilcox completed her high school education at Miami Beach Senior High. Upon graduating from Florida International University, Dr. Wilcox served two years active duty in the U.S. Army and six years active duty in the U.S. Army National Guard. During her tenure, she completed her Master of Social Work at State University of New York at Stony Brook and earned her PHD in Educational Leadership from Barry University in May 2016.

For the last 20 years, Dr. Wilcox has shown tremendous dedication to at-risk teens and families in poverty, working as a licensed clinical social worker and certified addictions professional in New York, Ohio and Florida. She was employed for more than a decade by Miami-Dade County Public Schools and most recently as a clinical director in the not-for-profit arena.

Her passion and subsequent mission is to serve those who are disenfranchised, encouraging them - every step of the way - to reach their life's potential.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. MARTIN KARP: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 17-064 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Dr. Dorcas L. Wilcox.

**RESOLUTION NO. 17-064
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING DR. DORCAS L. WILCOX**

WHEREAS, Dr. Dorcas L. Wilcox, LCSW, CAP is now celebrating her second year as the Chief Executive Officer of Miami Bridge Youth and Family Services, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Miami Bridge Youth & Family Services provides 24-hour shelter, counseling, educational programs and emergency services to children, teens and families at campuses in Miami and Homestead. Each year, Miami Bridge serves as a safe place for more than 600 at-risk young people and assists more than 550 families with counseling; and

WHEREAS, born and raised in the Liberty City area of Miami, she became sensitive at an early age to the needs of young children; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Wilcox completed her high school education at Miami Beach Senior High. Upon graduating from Florida International University, Dr. Wilcox served two years active duty in the U.S. Army and six years active duty in the U.S. Army National Guard. During her tenure, she completed her Master of Social Work at State University of New York at Stony Brook and earned her PHD in Educational Leadership from Barry University in May 2016; and

WHEREAS, for the last 20 years, Dr. Wilcox has shown tremendous dedication to at-risk teens and families in poverty, working as a licensed clinical social worker and certified addictions professional in New York, Ohio and Florida. She was employed for more than a decade by Miami-Dade County Public Schools and most recently as a clinical director in the not-for-profit arena; and

WHEREAS, her passion and subsequent mission is to serve those who are disenfranchised, encouraging them - every step of the way - to reach their life's potential.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 17-064 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Dr. Dorcas L. Wilcox.

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

Presented this twenty-fourth day of May, A.D. 2017

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary