

Dr. Martin Karp, Vice Chair

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 18-077 OF THE
SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING NISSIM BLACK**

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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

Damian Black was a troubled youth involved in gangs, drug abuse and drug dealing.

Black began rhyiming in his pre-teens. He began releasing singles like, "You need a Thug," and "That is Why," and he released albums, and successful singles.

He decided to change his life around, which included undergoing a religious Jewish conversion and retiring from music.

Near the end of his conversion process, Black's son developed meningitis. While praying for the situation to improve, Black discovered that a long-broken microphone had begun working again, and he took this as a sign to return to music.

He took on the name "Nissim," which translates into "miracles" in Hebrew. He has since released and collaborated on many hit songs. He now spends his time touring and mentoring troubled youth. Today, he raps about his relationship with the Almighty.

Nissim Black has worked closely with the Teen Life Center. He holds meetings with community leaders to institute programs for inner city kids who come from backgrounds similar to his own. In 2016, he and his family moved to Israel.

Nissim and his wife Adina host over 30 Yeshiva students weekly and is a beacon of light for a lot of youth who don't make it in a traditional education system. Nissim also travels from country to country inspiring youth and educators to create education systems for at risk youth.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. MARTIN KARP: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 18-077 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Nissim Black.