

Ms. Lucia Baez-Geller, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 22-026 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING DR. MARTIN S. KARP FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO THE STUDENTS AND FAMILIES OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS (M-DCPS)

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN: HIGHLY EFFECTIVE TEACHERS, LEADERS, & STAFF

A lifelong resident of Miami-Dade County, Dr. Martin S. Karp attended the University of Miami, where he earned a Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership, a Master of Science in Education, and a Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing. He also earned a master's degree as part of a joint M.S. and M.B.A. program from the Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University.

Dr. Karp began his service on the School Board when he was elected in 2004 and served four terms over 16 consecutive years. He was selected by his colleagues as the Board's Vice-Chair during the 2006-2007, 2012-2013, 2017-2018, and 2018-2019 school years. While on the School Board, he worked as a teacher and as a consultant for a nonprofit foundation.

Dr. Karp is a strong advocate for interest and needs-based learning, which hones educational strategies to address each child as an individual learner. He has worked to ensure that students with disabilities receive appropriate services and support and created board policy which led to greater access to hands-on science courses and dramatic increases in science fair participation. Dr. Karp has also committed himself to decreasing the number of high school dropouts and increasing graduation rates by introducing City Year, AVID and College Summit programs that were embedded in schools across the district.

While serving on the Board, Dr. Karp proffered Board items for children with disabilities, gifted students, children in foster care and students whose families face foreclosure. He introduced numerous items addressing student health and safety. He founded a countywide initiative known as the H.O.P.E. (Help Overcome Pet Euthanasia/Help Our Pets Everyday) Contest, which provides a platform for students to engage in problem-solving activities addressing pet overpopulation in the community.

Dr. Karp is currently Dean of Academic Affairs and Community Engagement for the Talmudic University consortium of schools, which includes Yeshiva Elementary School, Yeshiva Middle School, Mechina High School, Yeshiva Bais Moshe Chaim and numerous adult and community education programs. Talmudic University, beyond offering traditional classes, offers the community many outreach projects. (See Attachment).

Dr. Karp partners with his wife and is a very hands-on father of three boys. He strongly encourages each son to learn Spanish and Hebrew, and to play musical instruments, and strives to be a good role model passing along numerous values.

Finally, he cherishes the feedback he receives from former and current students. One of his favorites comes from a student he taught in 1991 who said, "As a teacher myself, I can only wish that someday my students have such a great impression of me in years to come like the one I have of you."

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. LUCIA BAEZ-GELLER:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 22-026 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Dr. Martin S. Karp for his many years of service and dedication to the students and families of Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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TO THE STUDENTS AND FAMILIES OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Miami-Dade County, Dr. Martin S. Karp attended the University of Miami, where he earned a Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership, a Master of Science in Education, and a Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing. He also earned a master's degree as part of a joint M.S. and M.B.A. program from the Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Karp began his service on the School Board when he was elected in 2004 and served four terms over 16 consecutive years. He was selected by his colleagues as the Board's Vice-Chair during the 2006-2007, 2012-2013, 2017-2018, and 2018-2019 school years. While on the School Board, he worked as a teacher and as a consultant for a nonprofit foundation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Karp is a strong advocate for interest and needs-based learning which hones educational strategies to address each child as an individual learner. He has worked to ensure that students with disabilities receive appropriate services and support and created board policy which led to greater access to hands-on science courses and dramatic increases in science fair participation. Dr. Karp has also committed himself to decreasing the number of high school dropouts and increasing graduation rates by introducing City Year, AVID and College Summit programs that were embedded in schools across the district; and

WHEREAS, while serving on the Board, Dr. Karp proffered Board items for children with disabilities, gifted students, children in foster care and students whose families face foreclosure. He introduced numerous items addressing student health and safety. He founded a countywide initiative known as the H.O.P.E. Contest, which provides a platform for students to engage in problem-solving activities addressing pet overpopulation in the community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Karp is currently Dean of Academic Affairs and Community Engagement for the Talmudic University consortium of schools, which includes Yeshiva Elementary School, Yeshiva Middle School, Mechina High School, Yeshiva Bais Moshe Chaim and numerous adult and community education programs, and offers outreach in the community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Karp partners with his wife and is a very hands-on father of three boys, and cherishes the feedback he receives from former and current students.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 22-026 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Dr. Martin S. Karp for his many years of service and dedication to the students and families of Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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

Presented this eighteenth day of May, A.D. 2022

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary