

Dr. Martin Karp, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-135 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA RECOGNIZING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS TITLE I ADMINISTRATION HOME INSTRUCTION FOR PARENTS OF PRESCHOOL YOUNGSTERS (HIPPY) PROGRAM

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: ACTIVELY ENGAGE FAMILY AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO BECOME OUR PARTNERS IN RAISING AND MAINTAINING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

The Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY) Program is an international and national home delivery training model, designed to provide educational enrichment for parents and their preschool children. HIPPY International was initiated and developed at the National Council for Jewish Women Research Institute for Innovation in Education at the School of Education, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem. HIPPY USA, an Arkansas educational corporation, provides administration and training within the United States. The Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) Title I Administration HIPPY Program has served families in our District since 1984.

Through hands-on experiences (role playing), parents learn to interact with their children in ways that will help prepare them for their early literary and school experiences. Parents are trained in the HIPPY National curriculum and receive supplemental books and materials designed to support children's cognitive skills, early literacy skills, social, emotional and physical development.

To support and celebrate M-DCPS Title I Administration HIPPY Program's 25th anniversary, M-DCPS will be joining HIPPY Miami's local "HIPPY Advocacy Day" for the children of Miami-Dade on Tuesday, January 26, 2010.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-135 of The School Board of Miami Dade County, Florida, recognizing the 25th anniversary of the M-DCPS Title I Administration Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY) Program and join HIPPY Miami for their "HIPPY Advocacy Day" on January 26, 2010.

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WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools recognizes the need for early childhood education programs that maximize the ability for young children to become more successful in school and for their parents to become their child's first and most important teacher; and

WHEREAS, The Miami-Dade County Public Schools Title I Administration Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY) Program has been part of the Miami-Dade County Public Schools for the last 25 years and is one of the programs that former First Lady Hillary Rodham-Clinton, now Secretary of State for President Barak Obama, adopted in Arkansas as HIPPY statewide; and

WHEREAS, The Miami-Dade County Public Schools Title I Administration HIPPY Advisory Committee provides financial scholarships to HIPPY parent-educators encouraging their pursuit of higher education; and

WHEREAS, since 1991 Miami-Dade County Public Schools Title I Administration HIPPY has had parent-educators as well as parents complete General Education Diploma (GED) programs, continuing their academia in higher education, complete their Bachelor of Science and Arts degrees, acquire Master's Degree as well as PhD's, and currently teachers and assistant principals for Miami-Dade County Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools Title I Administration HIPPY has consistently promoted and encouraged parents and families of three- and four-year-old children to enter the Miami-Dade County Public Schools Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten classes which are currently flagged by the Office of Educational Accountability, tracking the educational impact of HIPPY; and

WHEREAS, along with the Miami-Dade County Public Schools Title I Administration: Parental Programs, Neighborhood Resource Centers, Challenging Higher Education for Students in our Schools (CHESS) Program, District Advisory Council and Parent Advisory Councils, families of the Miami-Dade County Public Schools Title I Administration HIPPY Program are afforded opportunities to attend local and national meetings and workshops, acquiring parental empowering and engaging skills and community resources as delineated in the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001; and

WHEREAS, in collaboration with The Miami-Dade County Public Schools HIPPY Advisory Committee, HIPPY Miami, HIPPY Family Central, The Children's Trust, the National Council of Jewish Women (Greater Miami and Kendall Sections), Miami-Dade County Public Schools Title I Administration will further support and celebrate the 25th Anniversary of The Miami-Dade County Public Schools Title I Administration HIPPY Program at the local "HIPPY Advocacy Day" on Tuesday, January 26, 2010, Miami, Florida.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida approve Resolution 09-135 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida recognizing the 25th Anniversary of Miami-Dade County Public Schools Title I Administration HIPPY Program for its stellar efforts to empower parents to become their child's first and most influential teacher, for preparing children of Miami-Dade County to be successful in school, and for being the longest running HIPPY Program in the nation.

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

Presented this thirteenth day of January, A.D. 2010

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary