

Dr. Martin S. Karp, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 10-019 OF
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING DETECTIVE MELODY
MITCHELL FOR HER DEDICATION AND
ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
FRAMEWORK: SCHOOL/DISTRICT LEADERSHIP**

This resolution is presented for the purpose of recognizing the efforts of the Miami-Dade Schools Police Department. In particular, this item highlights the accomplishments of Detective Melody Mitchell, a detective for the General Investigative Unit.

On Saturday, February 6, 2010, Super Bowl weekend, Detective Mitchell was contacted to assist in locating a Dr. Michael Krop Senior High School student, a young girl who did not come home from school the previous day. The parents filed a Missing Persons Report with the Miami-Dade Police Department.

During the investigation, credible information was received regarding the possible activities of the child. Although it is not permitted to disclose the particulars of the investigation, it became very clear that her safety was in extreme peril.

Over the next two days, Detective Mitchell worked nonstop hand-in-hand with the child's mother in an effort to recover the endangered child. She utilized all available resources and followed up on every lead possible. Her hard work allowed her to earn the family's trust. Finally, on Monday, February 8, 2010, the child was located unharmed and was subsequently reunited with her parents.

Detective Mitchell's hard work and effort exemplifies the every-day commitment of the School District's police department to the protection of our students, staff and the entire school community. This incident demonstrates the need for an in-house police department that recognizes each student as an individual and not a case number.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. MARTIN S. KARP: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approves Resolution No. 10-019 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida recognizing Detective Melody Mitchell for her dedication and accomplishments.

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-019
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING DETECTIVE MELODY MITCHELL FOR HER
DEDICATION AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

WHEREAS, Detective Melody Mitchell is an integral member of the Miami-Dade Schools Police Department's General Investigative Unit; and

WHEREAS, Detective Mitchell began her career with the school district as a school resource officer in 1994 before joining the District's General Investigative Unit; and

WHEREAS, Detective Mitchell worked closely with the family of a missing senior high school student, earning their trust and confidence; and

WHEREAS, Detective Mitchell's dedication and professionalism as a law enforcement officer were instrumental in finding the missing child and ensuring her safe return to her parents; and

WHEREAS, Detective Melody Mitchell is a shining example of service, honor, and integrity. Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends Detective Mitchell for her hard work and her dedication toward ensuring the safety of all students, parents, and staff;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 10-019 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Detective Melody Mitchell for her dedication and accomplishments.

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

Presented this seventeenth day of March, A.D. 2010

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary