

Dr. Martin Karp, Board Member

**SUBJECT:           REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-53 OF  
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING CITY YEAR**

**COMMITTEE:       INSTRUCTIONAL    EXCELLENCE    AND    COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO DISTRICT  
STRATEGIC PLAN: ENGAGE STAKEHOLDERS ON DISTRICT INITIATIVES AND  
ACTIVITIES**

City Year was founded in 1988 in Boston on the belief that young people can change the world. From the founding corps of 50 in Boston, City Year today graduates more than 1,500 corps members across the United States each year and has more than 10,400 alumni completing more than 16 million hours of service.

City Year unites 17–24 year olds of all backgrounds for a year of full-time service giving them the skills and opportunities to change the world. City Year's comprehensive impact-based service model combines tutoring and mentoring driven through the diverse, uniformed full-time presence of the youth corps addressing the academic performance and socio-emotional factors affecting students' ability to succeed in schools.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (MDCPS) and City Year share a common commitment to provide the highest quality education and environment so that all students are empowered to lead productive and fulfilling lives as lifelong learners and responsible citizens. This year, through a cooperative agreement with the Miami-Dade County School Board, City Year launched the largest founding corps ever in Miami with 82 corps members working full-time in 8 MDCPS elementary schools. Within each school, City Year Miami delivers their national service model Whole School, Whole Child that builds critical school capacities through an integrated three-part approach: academic support, afterschool programming, and positive school climate.

Since the launch last September, City Year Miami has made an enormous impact. Corps members have provided ongoing research-based literacy tutoring to over 630 MDCPS students meeting a critical literacy need. Through ongoing structured service-learning and character building after school programming, City Year Miami corps members have engaged over 700 students. In efforts to support activities to enrich the entire school climate, City Year corps members have completed beautification projects throughout each school, hosted assemblies for the student body to support school-wide initiatives, and run enrichment clubs to develop the creative skills of over 800 students. Finally, City Year Miami launched the Young Heroes program in January with over 50 middle school students taking a pledge to serve their community. Young Heroes is a Saturday leadership development and community service program for middle school students run by City Year corps members. Young Heroes participants learn about the social issues in their community, and then work together to solve those problems through hands-on community service.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-53 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing City Year.

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-53  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING CITY YEAR**

**WHEREAS**, City Year Miami launched in Miami last September with the largest founding corps in City Year's 20 history with 82 members; and

**WHEREAS**, City Year corps members work full-time in 8 elementary Miami-Dade County Public Schools delivering the national Whole School, Whole Child service model and the Young Heroes program; and

**WHEREAS**, City Year Miami corps members this year have tutored over 630 students using a district approved research-based literacy tutoring methodology, engaged 700 students in after school programming, 800 students in school-wide enrichment activities, and engaged 50 middle school students in the Young Heroes service learning, leadership develop program:

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution 09-53 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing City Year.

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

Presented this twenty-second day of April, A.D. 2009

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary