

Dr. Martin Karp, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 12-075
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
FLORIDA, HONORING MICHAEL DEZER FOR HIS WORK IN
THE COMMUNITY**

COMMITTEE: SCHOOL SUPPORT ACCOUNTABILITY

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
FRAMEWORK: STUDENT, PARENT, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

The name Michael Dezer is synonymous with the spirit of community and achievement. Born and raised in Tel Aviv, Israel, he immigrated to the United States in 1962 after having served in the Israeli Air Force. Selling his beloved 1949 Plymouth for ship's fare to New York, he began attending night school. Mr. Dezer soon made his way into the advertising business, before branching out into the typesetting business and then real estate.

In 1970, Mr. Dezer founded Dezer Properties Company, a now prominent, commercial real estate company in New York and Miami Beach. He has been credited as a major contributor in the rebirth of Sunny Isles Beach. Aside from the instrumental role he has played in changing the fabric of the South Florida real estate market, Mr. Dezer has been a staunch supporter of various American and Israeli charities.

Mr. Dezer recently partnered with Connecting Our Cultures, a non-profit organization committed to creating a more unified community through hands-on interaction and the education of many cultures. As a result, he delivered the world's largest Sukkah, a temporary hut constructed for use during the week-long festival of Sukkot, built out of children's building blocks. The project aims to unite South Florida's diverse cultures, as well as to serve as a fundraising platform through a partnership with a number of local charities.

Married to wife Neomi for 40 years, they have three children and reside in Sunny Isles. The Dezer family, through the Norman S. Edelcup Sunny Isles Beach K-8 Fund, has offered a \$28,000 donation to fund an electronic marquee at Alonzo and Tracy Mourning Senior High Biscayne Bay Campus. The donation not only will fund the cost of the marquee, but also will support the school's goal of enhancing community awareness and involvement.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-075 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring Michael Dezer for his work in the community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 12-075
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
HONORING MICHAEL DEZER FOR HIS WORK IN THE COMMUNITY**

WHEREAS, the name Michael Dezer is synonymous with the spirit of community and achievement; and

WHEREAS, in 1970, Mr. Dezer founded Dezer Properties Company and becoming a major contributor in the rebirth of Sunny Isles Beach; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dezer has been a staunch supporter of various American and Israeli charities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dezer recently partnered with *Connecting Our Cultures*, a non-profit organization committed to creating a more unified community through hands-on interaction and the education of many cultures, to deliver the world's largest Sukkah built out of children's building blocks; and

WHEREAS, the Dezer family, through the Norman S. Edelcup Sunny Isles Beach K-8 Fund, has offered a \$28,000 donation to fund an electronic marquee at Alonzo and Tracy Mourning Senior High Biscayne Bay Campus, which will also support the school's goal of enhancing community awareness and involvement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-075 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring Michael Dezer for his work in the community.

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

Presented this sixteenth day of May, A.D. 2012

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary