

Dr. Martin Karp, Board Member

**SUBJECT:                   REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 08-66 OF  
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,  
FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING MS. KAREN RIVO AS  
OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**

**COMMITTEE:               INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT**

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

Karen Rivo, president of the Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) of Miami Beach Senior High School, was recently named the Outstanding Adult Volunteer winner for Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS). Ms. Rivo was presented the award at the 2007-08 Outstanding School Volunteers and Dade Partners Exemplary Awards luncheon. The event honored community members and organizations that have made extraordinary contributions to the school district and M-DCPS students. The volunteer honorees were selected based on the number of hours of service, years of service and the impact of their contributions.

Since 1995, Ms. Rivo has served as president of the PTSA at North Beach Elementary School, Nautilus Middle School, and Miami Beach Senior High School. In addition to serving on the PTSA, Ms. Rivo sits on two health committees and is chair of M-DCPS' Family and Community Involvement Advisory Committee. Ms. Rivo, a former nurse, believes that her proudest achievement has been increasing the number of health clinics that are in our schools, which has been an ongoing effort for the past few years.

As quoted recently in *The Miami Herald*, Ms. Rivo says she is humbled to receive the honor but hopes it reminds people that "volunteers have the power to affect change."

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 08-66 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Ms. Karen Rivo as Outstanding Volunteer of the Year.

**RESOLUTION NO. 08-66  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING MS. KAREN RIVO AS OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR**

**WHEREAS**, Karen Rivo, president of the Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) of Miami Beach Senior High School, was recently named the Outstanding Adult Volunteer winner for Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS); and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Rivo was presented the award at the 2007-08 Outstanding School Volunteers and Dade Partners Exemplary Awards luncheon, an event that honored community members and organizations that have made extraordinary contributions to the school district and M-DCPS students; and

**WHEREAS**, as a testament to the number of hours of service, years of service and the impact of her contributions, Ms. Rivo was selected as a recipient of the volunteer award; and

**WHEREAS**, an advocate for children, Ms. Rivo sits on two health committees and is chair of M-DCPS Family and Community Involvement Advisory Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, being a former nurse, Ms. Rivo's proudest achievement has been increasing the number of health clinics in our schools; and

**WHEREAS**, humbled about receiving the honor, Ms. Rivo hopes it reminds people that "volunteers have the power to affect change;"

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 08-66 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Ms. Karen Rivo as Outstanding Volunteer of the Year.

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

**Presented this eighteenth day of June, A.D. 2008**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary