

Dr. Martin Karp, Board Member

**SUBJECT:           REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 20-005 OF  
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING MR. JERRY RATEAU**

**COMMITTEE:       PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC  
BLUEPRINT:       INFORMED, ENGAGED AND EMPOWERED STAKEHOLDERS**

Mr. Jerry Rateau is an extremely involved parent at Ojus Elementary School. Last year, he participated in the inaugural year of Ojus Elementary School's Father Reading Squad, an initiative created by the Fatherhood Task Force of South Florida. As such, he was one of several fathers who visited first grade classrooms once a month to read to the students and serve as a positive male role model. Mr. Rateau was so passionate about this program that Holly Zwerling, the Chief Executive Officer/ President of the Fatherhood Task Force of South Florida, requested that he represent the reading squad and Ojus during a segment on NBC6's "Voices" with Jawan Strader. He served as an ambassador for the Reading Squad, recruiting other fathers to join Ojus' reading squad.

Mr. Rateau has become involved in the 5000 Role Models of Excellence chapter at Ojus Elementary. He has attended meetings and volunteered to serve as a mentor to older students who are considered "at risk" and who may not have a positive male role model in their lives. Mr. Rateau was Ojus' Principal for the Day during the 2019-2020 school year and is an integral member of the Ojus family. Mr. Rateau has promoted the involvement of fathers and father figures in children's education and empowers young children to reach their potential.

This year, Mr. Rateau became a member of the PTA. Some of his service has included reading to students, serving as a chaperone on field trips, providing motivational talks for students, and helping to set up and gain sponsors for Teacher Appreciation events. He has worked with students at almost every grade level. He credits his parents for the approach he takes as a volunteer and for helping him look at other things for the better. He saw firsthand how his parents were not only helping him, but how his parents helped other children.

Born in Boston, Massachusetts, Mr. Rateau attended Natural Bridge Elementary and North Miami Middle, and graduated from North Miami Senior High School.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 20-005 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Mr. Jerry Rateau.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 20-005  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING MR. JERRY RATEAU**

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Jerry Rateau is an extremely involved parent at Ojus Elementary School. Born in Boston, Massachusetts, Mr. Rateau attended Natural Bridge Elementary and North Miami Middle, and graduated from North Miami Senior High School; and

**WHEREAS**, last year, Mr. Rateau participated in Ojus inaugural year of Ojus Elementary School's Father Reading Squad, an initiative created by the Fatherhood Task Force of South Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Rateau was one of several fathers who visited first grade classrooms once a month to read to the students and serve as a positive male role model. He served as an ambassador for the Reading Squad, recruiting other fathers to join Ojus' reading squad; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Rateau has also become involved in the 5000 Role Models of Excellence chapter at Ojus Elementary. He has attended meetings and volunteered to serve as a mentor to older students who are considered "at risk" and who may not have a positive male role model in their lives; and

**WHEREAS**, this year, Mr. Rateau became a member of the PTA. Some of his service has included reading to students, serving as a chaperone on field trips, providing motivational talks for students, and helping to set up and gain sponsors for Teacher Appreciation events. He has worked with students at almost every grade level; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Rateau credits his parents for the approach he takes as a volunteer and for helping him look at other things for the better.

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 20-005 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Mr. Jerry Rateau for promoting the involvement of fathers and father figures in children's education and empowering young children to reach their potential.

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

**Presented this fifteenth day of January, A.D. 2020**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary