



The School Board of Miami-Dade County

Dr. Martin S. Karp, Board Member, Miami-Dade School Board

1450 N.E. 2nd Avenue, Suite 700

Miami, FL 33132 • 305-995-1334



- Twitter @edukarp
- Facebook: Board Member Martin Karp
- Instagram: boardmembermartinkarp
- Website: <http://district3.dadeschools.net>
- LinkedIn: martinkarp@dadeschools.net
- E-mail: martinkarp@dadeschools.net

OUTCOMES FOLLOWING POLICY INITIATIVES & PROPOSALS PROFFERED BY DR. MARTIN S. KARP

- Increased emphasis on science research and participation in region science fair which in its initial phase resulted in a 403 percent increase in the number of student participants and a 511 percent increase in the number of high schools represented
- Development of student registration protocols during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Consideration given to providing an academic performance safety net for students to account for rising stress levels, changing learning environments and increasing obligations during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Consideration given to modifying homework guidelines for allowable screen time recommendations and ensuring the balanced use of textbooks and technology for student health and well-being
- Combating on campus use of e-cigarette vaping devices by providing training for school staff, collaborating with and educating parents and parent organizations, informing students of risks and health effects, and seeking grants and partnerships
- Improvement and expansion of services for students with ADHD with a focus on classroom management techniques, parent education programs and specialty programs with parental choice options
- Formulation of a pilot program for later start times in high schools and the distribution of information regarding health benefits associated with earlier bedtimes
- Creation of the STEAM Scholarship Awards Banquet honoring Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics scholars
- Introduction of stand-up desks in school classrooms, which improve attention, on-task behavior, alertness, classroom engagement, muscle contraction and blood flow
- Increased collaboration with Federal and State authorities for additional opportunities to reduce Federal and State mandated tests
- Installation of fruit and vegetable snack vending machines throughout the district
- Improved job training and employment opportunities for students with disabilities
- Development of the REGAL Plan that led to an increase in gifted certified teachers, greater access to a differentiated curriculum, and the addition of gifted programs at school sites that lacked programs
- Reviewed curriculum and training needs for the purposes of educating gifted children with dual exceptionalities
- Initiation of Grand Champions Engaging Grandparents program designed to encourage senior residents to become advocates and volunteers
- Reviewing and evaluating the Drivers Education program
- Improvement in support services for students and their families impacted by foreclosures
- Increased access to study abroad programs including High School in Israel
- Distribution of electronic progress reports and report cards which also ensures privacy
- Implementation of clear and consistent summer reading assignments and expectations
- Increased services for students in foster care and implementation of foster care and adoption friendly workplace initiatives
- Implementation of improved address verification rules and strategies to address overcrowding

- Implementation of consistent sexual abuse prevention programs and training including online components, and a districtwide campaign on the importance of speaking out should one become or suspect someone is a victim
- Introduction of a comprehensive district-wide anti-bullying implementation plan
- Increased support for Holocaust Remembrance education programs
- Included the topics of stereotyping, scapegoating, antisemitism and all forms of hatred during the review of curriculum-based options that address racism and cultural understanding
- Improvement in maintenance procedures for technology equipment and the development of proactive maintenance plans
- Implementation of *Taking Care of Pets* education initiative created to address the community's pet overpopulation problem and to emphasize the importance of responsible pet ownership which includes lesson plans and public service announcements
- Provide support for substitute teachers, establish reporting procedures, and create access to information about substitute teachers in all schools
- Offer services to students with autism by extending programming beyond the current age limit
- Amended the 2017 State Legislative Platform to include protocols regarding medical marijuana on school campuses
- Address issues pertaining to Internet safety during the COVID-19 pandemic in an effort to prevent sexual abuse from online solicitations as more students, and at younger ages, use virtual platforms
- Instituted annual remembrance for employees and students who have passed away during the year

ADDITIONAL POLICY INITIATIVES

- Increase collaboration with pediatricians and therapists to improve services for students
- Consideration of new academic programs as it relates to flooding and the review of construction designs to accommodate for the projected changes to Florida's landscape
- Opening of an education preparatory academy and the launch of iTeach which provides tomorrow's educators with instruction in teaching pedagogy and education strategies
- Explore through a partnership, donation or grant the possibility of installing laundry appliances at pilot school and/or off-campus sites where chronic absenteeism persists
- Explore effective virtual reality curriculum options that are designed to reduce bullying, sexual abuse and molestation, internet solicitation, and human trafficking
- Explore the possibility of a holiday opt-in program which would provide educational experiences for students during national holidays
- Explore the implementation of intergenerational learning programs at senior activity centers and/or living facilities for the purpose of supporting the current pre-K initiatives
- Improvement in the current processes regarding the raising, lowering and maintenance of the United States flag at each school and the implementation of training programs so each school has designated students responsible for proper use and display
- Implementation of Telepresence Video Conferencing enabling teachers to reach larger audiences of students in additional schools, hospital rooms, juvenile detention centers, and schools elsewhere
- Improve 21st Century classroom skills including keyboarding for elementary students
- Explore opening residential educational programs for children with special needs, or for children in foster care, neglectful or homeless families
- Implementation of a pilot program using Standards-Referenced Report Cards for K-2 students to provide meaningful feedback to parents and students
- Recognize alumni of Miami-Dade County Public Schools who served our country in the military
- Explore developing a school at the new Museum Park
- Promote the contributions that M-DCPS social workers bring to our students and families

Other items proffered addressed Human Growth and Development, Service Learning, Joint Meetings with the County Commission, Cafeteria Supervision

OUTCOMES RESULTING FROM DR. KARP'S ADVOCACY EFFORTS, OFFICE BUDGETING, PARTNERSHIPS WITH GOVERNMENT ENTITIES AND CITIZEN GROUPS, AND COLLABORATION WITH SCHOOL SITE ADMINISTRATORS, SCHOOL DISTRICT PERSONNEL AND THE SUPERINTENDENT AND HIS CABINET

- The establishment of 3 school site programs/demonstration rooms for students with ADHD
- A collaboration with the City of Miami and the Brickell development community to provide school capacity amplification options in connection with proposed high rise condominium development in the Brickell area
- Health Connect partnership with The Children's Trust which led to providing nurses in 164 schools
- A partnership with FIU North to introduce MAST Academy@ FIU Biscayne Bay Campus for the purpose of providing a science and math driven curriculum in a new high school in North Miami
- A Partnership with Miami Beach Senior High for the addition of Stop the Bleed Kits at the school site
- The creation of after-school Lego robotics programs for Miami Beach Nautilus Middle School, and for the North Miami Beach Senior High and the Dr. Michael M. Krop Senior High feeder pattern schools
- The addition of computers and interactive boards throughout District 3 schools with an emphasis on improving technology at Miami Beach Nautilus, John F. Kennedy, and Highland Oaks Middle schools
- The development of the first K-12 International Baccalaureate Program for Miami Beach feeder pattern schools including Treasure Island Elementary through partnerships with the City of Miami Beach and North Bay Village
- A partnership with North Bay Village to enhance the recreational facilities at Treasure Island Elementary and to provide access to Village residents
- The establishment of a Navy National Defense Cadet Corps at Alonzo & Tracy Mourning Senior High
- A partnership with the Women's Fund and Kristi House regarding the human trafficking issue
- The expansion and enhancement of the music program and science lab at Miami Beach Nautilus Middle School
- The establishment of pet friendly hurricane shelters at Highland Oaks Middle and Dr. Michael M. Krop Senior High
- The opening of a Primary Learning Center at David Lawrence Jr. K-8 Center and the opening of an 8th grade Preparatory Academy exclusive to Aventura Waterways K-8 Center students to provide new academic programs at off-site locations while addressing capacity issues on the main campuses
- The development of the Cambridge Secondary 1 Program at John F. Kennedy Middle and Highland Oaks Middle, and the Cambridge Primary program at Gertrude Edelman/Sabal Palm Elementary and Virginia A. Boone/Highland Oaks Elementary
- The expansion of the Jennifer Beth Turken Heart Award-North Beach, Biscayne Beach, Treasure Island, Fulford and Greynolds Park Elementary schools, Miami Beach Nautilus Middle, and Miami Beach Fienberg/Fisher K-8 and North County K-8 Center where students are recognized on a monthly basis for acts of kindness
- The creation of after school Extended Foreign Language (EFL) programs and daytime EFL programs at Aventura Waterways K-8 Center and Madie Ives K-8 Preparatory Academy, and at Ojus, Virginia A. Boone/Highland Oaks, Greynolds Park, and Gertrude Edelman/Sabal Palm Elementary schools
- Advocacy for legislation that ensures the FCAT test is not administered during religious holidays
- A partnership with the Wharton Business School's Knowledge@Wharton High School (University of Pennsylvania), and the College Board's AP Diploma Expansion for Dr. Michael M. Krop Senior High School
- The construction of an addition to the Norman S. Edelcup/Sunny Isles Beach K-8 Center building and the addition of space to serve students with autism in collaboration with the City of Sunny Isles Beach
- The launch of iBot, which facilitates a commitment to expand coding/robotics programming at Fulford, Gertrude Edelman/Sabal Palm, Greynolds Park, Biscayne Beach, Ojus, Treasure Island, Virginia A. Boone Highland Oaks, and Miami Beach South Pointe Elementary schools
- Increased use by outside entities of school district facilities
- The inclusion of a music room for middle school students at Ruth K. Broad/Bay Harbor K-8 Center
- The creation of the annual H.O.P.E. (Help Our Pets Everyday/Help Overcome Pet Euthanasia) Contest in conjunction with Miami-Dade County Animal Services and the Humane Society of Greater Miami
- The successful restoration of the breakfast program and the inclusion of contract provisions that support the delivery of dual enrollment education at School for Advanced Studies
- Partnerships with City Year, AVID and College Summit programs
- STEAM + Pilot Program initiated by the City of Miami Beach which partners with the school district and elite cultural organizations serving more than 2,000 students
- Technology Education at John F. Kennedy Middle
- Finance Program enhancement and significant technology upgrades at Aventura Waterways K-8 Center

DISTRICT INITIATED PROGRAMS BENEFITING SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 3

- At North Miami Beach Senior High, piloting a curriculum which leverages sports (team-based video gaming) to teach a variety of high-demand career skills. It looks at the broader ecosystem of career possibilities related to esports and other industries, ranging 3-D animation and design, to marketing, to data analytics
- Telehealth Technology Initiative at Aventura Waterways, David Lawrence Jr., Norman S. Edelcup Sunny Isles Beach K-8 Centers, Highland Oaks Middle, and Southside Preparatory Academy
- Phase I of the Early Childhood mobile device roll-out with the Connect@Home PreK laptop distribution project
- The development of a partnership between The College Board and University of Cambridge at North Miami Beach Senior High and Dr. Michael M. Krop Senior High requiring interdisciplinary investigations and critical reasoning seminars under the AP/Cambridge Capstone Program
- Establishment of an iPrep Academy in North Dade (only District school collaborating with Lego), and iPrep classes at North Miami Beach Senior High, and Miami Beach Nautilus, John F. Kennedy, and Highland Oaks Middle schools, which provide technology-rich environments/opportunities for internships and community-based projects
- Establishment of Safe Routes to Schools for Miami Beach Fienberg/Fisher K-8, Southside Preparatory Academy, and Biscayne Beach, Fulford, Miami Beach South Pointe, North Beach, Gertrude K. Edelman/Sabal Palm Elementary, Miami Beach Nautilus Middle, and Miami Beach Senior High schools
- Establishment of South Florida Commuter Services School Pool Program at Aventura Waterways K-8 Center
- Implementation of a solar photovoltaic demonstration project at Miami Beach Senior High in conjunction with FPL to lower electricity costs throughout the school district
- Implementation of ACCESS – a partnership between FIU and Miami Beach Nautilus Middle School
- Implementation of 10 Student Success Centers - provides educational settings, safe-havens for referred students
- Implementation of Virtual Job Shadow – career planning/exploration resources at Highland Oaks, John F. Kennedy and Miami Beach Nautilus Middle schools, Aventura Waterways and Ruth K. Broad/Bay Harbor K-8 Centers
- School Security Agreement with the City of Miami Beach, Miami Beach Police Department

SCHOOL FACILITIES - All district 3 schools have received facilities upgrades.

BRAND NEW SCHOOLS

Alonzo & Tracy Mourning SH/Biscayne Bay Campus
Aventura-Waterways K-8 Center
David Lawrence Jr. K-8 Center
iPrep North
MAST@ FIU Biscayne Bay Campus
Norman S. Edelcup/Sunny Isles Beach K-8 Center

BRAND NEW BUILDINGS/CLASSROOMS

Alonzo & Tracy Mourning SH (first phase)
Gertrude K. Edelman/Sabal Palm Elementary
Greynolds Park Elementary
John F. Kennedy Middle
Madie Ives K-8 Preparatory Academy
Miami Beach Fienberg/Fisher K-8
Miami Beach Senior High
Miami Beach South Pointe Elementary (first phase)
Norman S. Edelcup/Sunny Isles Beach K-8 Center
North Miami Beach Senior High
Ojus Elementary
Ruth K. Broad/Bay Harbor K-8 Center
Southside Preparatory Academy
Treasure Island Elementary

BRAND NEW CAFETERIAS

Ojus Elementary
Ruth K. Broad/Bay Harbor K-8 Center

BRAND NEW REPLACEMENT SCHOOL

Miami Beach Senior High

WINDOW REPLACEMENTS

Biscayne Beach Elementary
Fulford Elementary
Gertrude K. Edelman/Sabal Palm Elementary
Greynolds Park Elementary
John F. Kennedy Middle
Miami Beach Fienberg/Fisher K-8
Miami Beach Nautilus Middle (first phase)
North Beach Elementary

RENOVATION OF FIELDS/PLAYGROUNDS

Dr. Michael M. Krop Senior High
Fulford Elementary
Gertrude K. Edelman/Sabal Palm Elementary
Highland Oaks Middle School
Miami Beach Fienberg/Fisher K-8
Miami Beach Nautilus Middle
Miami Beach South Pointe Elementary
North Beach Elementary
Treasure Island Elementary
Ruth K. Broad/Bay Harbor K-8 Center
Virginia A. Boone Highland Oaks Elementary



DISTRICT ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACCOLADES

AASA National Superintendent of the Year - 2008, 2014
Association of School Business Officials International Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting - 2015
AdvancEd Accreditation Recommendation (Worldwide Recognition) – 2014, 2019
B2GNow Awards of Distinction - 2018
Beacon Council Judges' Special Award – 2013
Broad Prize for Urban Education Finalist - 2006, 2007, 2008, 2011
Broad Prize for Urban Education Winner - 2012
College Board Advanced Placement Equity & Excellence District of the Year - 2013
Connect-Ed Leadership Through Communication Award - 2008
Council of Great City Schools National Financial Performance Award - 2011
Council of Great City Schools Distinguished Service Award - 2013
Council of Great City Schools Green Garner Award - 2018
Florida Association of School Administrators Principal of the Year - 2012
Florida Department of Education/Macy's Teacher of the Year Award - 2013
Florida Department of Education/PTA Award -2006
Florida Middle School Principal of the Year - 2008
Florida Superintendent of the Year - 2008, 2014
Forbes' List of America's Best-In-State Employers in Florida Recognition – 2019
General Obligation Bond Referendum Approval (\$1.2 billion) - 2012
Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Presentation Award – 2015
Government Finance Officers Association Best Practices in School Budgeting - 2018
Governor's Sterling Award - 2005, 2007
Hatch Educator Innovator Award - 2011
Magnet Schools of America National Merit Award Winner - 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018
Magnet Schools of America (MSA) Superintendent of the Year - 2016
Milken Education Award - 2012
Minority Development & Empowerment Spirit of Excellence Award - 2007
National Academy Foundation's (NAF) inaugural 2015-16 President's Award - 2016
National Assessment of Educational Progress Eighth-Grade Students Ranked #1 in the Nation in Reading - 2015
National Association Music Merchants Foundation Best Communities for Music Education - 2015
National Association of Secondary School Principals National Assistant Principal of the Year - 2008
National Magnet School Principal of the Year - 2014
National School Boards Association (CUBE) Award for Urban School Board Excellence – 2007
Principal Achievement Award for Outstanding Leadership – 2008
Secure Our Future Referendum Approval (Supplements Teacher Salaries, Funds School Safety Measures) – 2018
U.N.'s Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization Model Program in Physical Education - 2015
WalletHub Best In Nation For Return on Educational Investment Recognition – 2015

PERSONAL HONORS

Biscayne Elementary Gifted Parents Association Recognition - 2004
Cervantes Outstanding Educator Award - 2009
Children's Trust Recognition - 2013
Community Blood Centers of South Florida Appreciation Award - 2006
Community Chessed Award - 2014
Dr. Michael M. Krop Senior High School PTSA Gala Recognition - 2015
Jewish Community Services Helping Hands Award - 2010
Miami Beach Senior High Scholars Academy Recognition - 2011
Miami Beach Senior High School Hall of Fame Inductee – 2018
Miami-Dade County Council PTA/PTSA Lifetime Legacy Award – 2020
Nautilus Middle School PTSA Appreciation Award - 2014
SHAPE Guardian of Youth Philanthropy Award - 2011
South Florida Veterinary People, Pets and Vets Award - 2004, 2010
Teacher of the Year Recognition (Biscayne Elementary) - 2004