

Dr. Marta Pérez, Board Member

**SUBJECT:                   REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 12-137  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,  
FLORIDA, HONORING ACTORS' PLAYHOUSE ON ITS 25TH  
ANNIVERSARY**

**COMMITTEE:           INSTRUCTIONAL   EXCELLENCE    AND    COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT**

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

Actors' Playhouse has a rich legacy of promoting the arts and culture through its productions and programs. Founded in 1988 by Chairman Dr. Lawrence E. Stein, the company was originally housed in a converted Kendall movie theater. The company moved to the newly renovated and restored historic Miracle Theater in Coral Gables seven years later. The Art Deco movie house was transformed into a three-stage performing arts center. The Actor's Playhouse is a partnership between the company and the City of Coral Gables.

Actors' Playhouse has served nearly two million children through cultural experiences over the past 25 years. Professional live musical theatre experiences based on exciting literary works, stimulate their imaginations, teach life skills, explore different historical times, and cultivate an interest in other cultures. The annual theatre conservatory classes and camp have inspired over 20,000 youth to develop strong communication skills and acting technique. Many alumnae are now working in Broadway shows, regional theatres and national tours. The company's arts outreach programs provide mentoring programs with artistic and educational staff at the theatre and on site at the schools.

Approximately 150 Mainstage and 130 Children's Theatre productions have been performed. Productions include "Little Shop of Horrors", "Disney's Beauty and the Beast", "Les Misérables", "Miss Saigon" and "Into the Heights". The company has hosted world premieres such as "The Boy From Russia", "Unreasonable Doubts" and "See Jane Run". The Actor's Playhouse supplements its year-round theatrical productions with Theatre Conservatory classes, a National Children's Theatre Festival, a play reading series, visual art exhibits for local artists as well as the Young Talent Big Dreams, a countywide talent contest for 8-17 year-olds.

Actors' Playhouse has thrived under the leadership of Executive Director Barbara S. Stein. Mrs. Stein was recognized by South Florida Magazine as the Corporate Business Woman of the Year in 2006. She also received the Florida Women of Achievement Award and the "In The Company of Women" Award. The company's accomplished Artistic Director, David Arisco, is the recipient of George Abbott Award and the Richard G. Fallon Award for Excellence in Professional Theatre.

Actors' Playhouse is to be commended for supporting the arts and culture in Miami-Dade County. Their tireless work has inspired a love and appreciation of live theater among children.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
DR. MARTA PÉREZ:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-137 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring Actors' Playhouse on its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**RESOLUTION NO. 12-137  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
HONORING ACTORS' PLAYHOUSE ON ITS 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

**WHEREAS**, Actors' Playhouse has a rich legacy of promoting the arts and culture through its productions and programs; and

**WHEREAS**, founded in 1988 by Chairman Dr. Lawrence E. Stein, the company was originally housed in a converted Kendall movie theater. The company moved to the newly renovated and restored historic Miracle Theater in Coral Gables seven years later; and

**WHEREAS**, Actors' Playhouse has served nearly two million children through cultural experiences over the past 25 years. Professional live musical theatre experiences based on exciting literary works, stimulate their imaginations, teach life skills, explore different historical times, and cultivate an interest in other cultures; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 150 Mainstage and 130 Children's Theatre productions have been performed. Productions include "Little Shop of Horrors", "Disney's Beauty and the Beast", "Les Misérables", "Miss Saigon" and "Into the Heights"; and

**WHEREAS**, Actors' Playhouse has thrived under the leadership of Executive Director Barbara S. Stein. Mrs. Stein was recognized by South Florida Magazine as the Corporate Business Woman of the Year in 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, Actors' Playhouse is to be commended for supporting the arts and culture in Miami-Dade County. Their tireless work has inspired a love and appreciation of live theater among children;

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-137 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring Actors' Playhouse on its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

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

**Presented this fifth day of September, A.D. 2012**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary