

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Board Member

**SUBJECT:                   REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 11-006  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,  
FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING ELDER KENNETH A. DUKE FOR  
HIS COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION AND IMPROVING OUR  
COMMUNITY**

**COMMITTEE:               INSTRUCTIONAL   EXCELLENCE    AND   COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT**

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

Elder Kenneth A. Duke has served as Pastor of New Jerusalem Primitive Baptist Church for the past 25 years. During his tenure, New Jerusalem has grown in membership to over 1,700 members. Education and community service are at the center of their goals, in addition to spiritual guidance and growth.

Through New Jerusalem, Elder Duke established Abundant Life Christian Learning Center which has two components: the Safe Haven Child Development Center which serves children ages 2 through 4, and the New Jerusalem Christian Academy which encompasses kindergarten through Grade 6. The current enrollment exceeds two hundred. The focus of the learning center is the spiritual, physical, and academic health of the children served.

Elder Duke is President and Chief Executive Officer of the New Jerusalem Community Development Corporation, a community-based initiative which provides after-school care and a summer program for youth. New Jerusalem CDC also focuses on economic development opportunities for adults.

Elder Duke is also the Moderator of the East Florida District Primitive Baptist Association, the past Chairman of the Board of Evangelism of the Florida State Primitive Baptist Convention, and the immediate past Chairman of the Board of Evangelism and Mission of the National Primitive Baptist Convention USA.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS-MINDINGALL:**       That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-006 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Elder Kenneth A. Duke for his commitment to education and improving our community.

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-006  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING ELDER KENNETH A. DUKE FOR HIS COMMITMENT TO  
EDUCATION AND IMPROVING OUR COMMUNITY**

**WHEREAS**, Elder Kenneth A. Duke has served as Pastor of New Jerusalem Primitive Baptist Church for the past 25 years; and

**WHEREAS**, during his tenure, New Jerusalem has grown in membership to over 1,700 members. Education and community service are at the center of their goals, in addition to spiritual guidance and growth; and

**WHEREAS**, through New Jerusalem, Elder Duke established Abundant Life Christian Learning Center which has two components: the Safe Haven Child Development Center which serves children ages 2 through 4, and the New Jerusalem Christian Academy which encompasses kindergarten through Grade 6; and

**WHEREAS**, the focus of the learning center is the spiritual, physical, and academic health of the children served; and

**WHEREAS**, Elder Duke also serves as President and Chief Executive Officer of the New Jerusalem Community Development Corporation, a community-based initiative which provides after-school care and a summer program for youth;

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-006 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Elder Kenneth A. Duke for his commitment to education and improving our community.

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

**Presented this twelfth day of January, A.D. 2011**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary