

Office of School Board Members
Board Meeting of March 9, 2011

March 8, 2011

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 11-036 OF THE
SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING MARIE JEAN-PHILLIPE FOR HER COMMITMENT
TO EDUCATION AND PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

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

Marie Lourdes Jean-Phillipe was born in Thomazeau, Haiti. Mrs. Jean-Phillipe grew up in Haiti and graduated from Fernand Prospere High School. She received her undergraduate degree from Ucamaina University in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. Active in her community, Mrs. Jean-Phillipe participated in many progressive and community-based church movements and literacy projects in Haiti. In 1977, Mrs. Jean-Phillipe arrived in Miami, where she continued to serve as an advocate against injustice.

Mrs. Jean-Phillipe worked for many years as a certified nursing assistant caring for the elderly. After discovering that there was injustice and abuse in the workplace, she joined the Union-District 1115 and became an active member and steward, advocating for fair treatment for her co-workers. In 1996, Mrs. Jean-Phillipe joined the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), where she worked on the Unite for Dignity project to organize and empower nursing home workers. She continues to mobilize union members to support the equal rights of Haitian refugees and students. She currently works for Union 1199 of Florida.

Mrs. Jean-Phillipe is married to Jean Jean-Phillipe and has two daughters, Kettline and Sandy. Both Kettline and Sandy are products of the Miami-Dade County Public School system. They have since graduated and earned Master's degrees. Mrs. Jean-Phillipe continues to be involved and work closely with the school system. She led a group named the "Superintendent's Task Force," which served to bring issues and concerns of Haitian students and the community to the school system. She currently serves as president of the Haitian-American Students Parents Association.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends Marie Lourdes Jean-Phillipe for dedication and commitment to education and for her advocacy on behalf of children in our community.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS-MINDINGALL:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-036 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Marie Jean-Phillipe for her commitment to education and parental involvement.

**Replacement
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WHEREAS, Marie Lourdes Jean-Phillipe was born in Thomazeau, Haiti; and

WHEREAS, active in her community, Mrs. Jean-Phillipe participated in many progressive and community-based church movements and literacy projects in Haiti; and

WHEREAS, in 1977, Mrs. Jean-Phillipe arrived in Miami, where she continued to serve as an advocate against injustice; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jean-Phillipe works closely with the school system. She led a group named the "Superintendent's Task Force," which served to bring issues and concerns of Haitian students and the community to the school system; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jean-Phillipe currently serves as president of the Haitian-American Students Parents Association; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends Marie Lourdes Jean-Phillipe for dedication and commitment to education and for her advocacy on behalf of children in our community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-036 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Marie Jean-Phillipe for her commitment to education and parental involvement.

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

Presented this ninth day of March, A.D. 2011

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary