

Dr. Wilbert "Tee" Holloway, Board Member

**SUBJECT:                   REQUEST ENDORSEMENT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD PARTICIPATION IN A GRANT PROPOSAL FOR A "FATHERHOOD INITIATIVE TRAINING CENTER" FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS THROUGH (ABSTI) ACHIEVING BASIC SKILLS TRAINING-CENTER INTERNATIONAL**

**COMMITTEE:               INSTRUCTIONAL   EXCELLENCE    AND   COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:            EDUCATION**

**Proposal for Responsible Fatherhood Project with Miami Dade County Public School System**

ABSTI (Achieving Basic Skills Training Center- AKA- Abstinence Between Strong Teens, Int'l.), is proposing that: Miami Dade County Public Schools support ABSTI in applying for the Responsible Fatherhood Project proposal to be implemented throughout the regular school day.

1. All male students from selected Middle & Senior High School will be taught the Responsible Fatherhood curriculum, funded by Department of Health and Human Services to classes designated by Miami Dade County Public School Board or principals.
2. All classes must be taught by male instructors.
3. ABSTI will be given in-services to the teachers throughout the year, to be held on teacher work days, to ensure effective delivery of the curriculum.
4. On-going workshops will be provided to the fathers or legal guardian of program participants, for the purpose of reinforcing at home what the students learned in class.
5. Other special workshops such as: Domestic Violence, Effective Parenting, etc. will also be provided to the fathers of program participation to ensure the success of the program.

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6. Incentives such as: field trips, T-shirts, special family activities, banquets, assemblies, etc. will be given to the students for the purpose of rewarding them for encouraging their fathers and/or legal guardian involvement.
7. ABSTI will implement the Father Son Mentorship Program which will connect students of absent fathers to influential male mentors. These mentors will also be attending scheduled meetings and activities with chosen mentees.
8. All male mentors will be processed and approved as volunteers through the Miami Dade Public School System.
9. Upon approval of the proposal, ABSTI intends to invite President Obama as a keynote speaker for our first annual Fatherhood Initiative rally.
10. Compensations will be administered to MDCPS in the amount of \$500,000 per year over a five year span, for a grand total of 2.5 million dollars. These funds will be allotted for services rendered to students throughout Miami Dade Public School System for the purpose of offsetting the salaries for teachers participating in the Fatherhood Initiative.
11. ABSTI will have ongoing project evaluations preformed by Dr. J. Donnelly, Educational Project Evaluator, professor of Mt. Clara University of Dover New Jersey, for the purpose of oversight and accountability to the programs.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
DR. WILBERT "TEE" HOLLOWAY:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorse the participation of the School District in a Grant Proposal for a "Fatherhood Initiative Training Center" for Miami-Dade County Public Schools through (ABSTI) Achieving Basic Skills Training Center International.