

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Board Member

**SUBJECT:                   REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 11-108 OF THE  
SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING CLASSY GIRLFRIENDS FOREVER FOR THEIR  
SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY**

**COMMITTEE:               INSTRUCTIONAL       EXCELLENCE       AND       COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT**

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

On December 30, 2005, Classy Girlfriends Forever became an official chapter of the Red Hat Society. The Red Hat Society is an international organization that supports and encourages women to pursue fun, friendship, freedom, fulfillment and fitness. The organization provides women a community to share social events, experiences and services while renewing their sense of pride, optimism and confidence as well as refining the idea of aging.

Classy Girlfriends Forever launched their chapter with a tea at the home of Annette Williams, the chapter's queen. Thirty-seven members attended the event. The organization embraces the motto, "Doing what they want, when they want to." There are currently 30 Red Hatters, ladies over the age of 50 and seven Pink Hatters, those under the age of 50.

Classy Girlfriends Forever are active community partners. Over the years, they have raised \$2,500 as a corporate sponsor of the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure and sponsored the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Nubian Celebration with other Florida Red Hat Society chapters. The organization has traveled to the Zora Neal Hurston Festival in Eatonville, Florida, as well as historic Savannah, Georgia and Charleston, South Carolina. The esteemed Girlfriends also adopts the 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls of Miami Carol City Middle School for the school year organizing tea parties, story times, and other educational events. Recently, in partnership with the Food for the Poor, members built a house for an underprivileged family in Haiti and they have plans to build more.

Queen Annette Williams and the members of Classy Girlfriends Forever demonstrate that community service is a lifelong commitment. Their philanthropic efforts have enriched the lives of the residents of South Florida.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS-MINDINGALL:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-108 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Classy Girlfriends Forever for their service to our community.

**Replacement  
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**RESOLUTION NO. 11-108  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING CLASSY GIRLFRIENDS FOREVER FOR THEIR  
SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY**

**WHEREAS**, on December 30, 2005, Classy Girlfriends Forever became an official chapter of the Red Hat Society; and

**WHEREAS**, the Red Hat Society is an international organization that supports and encourages women to pursue fun, friendship, freedom, fulfillment and fitness. The organization provides women a community to share social events, experiences and services while renewing their sense of pride, optimism and confidence as well as refining the idea of aging; and

**WHEREAS**, Classy Girlfriends Forever launched their chapter with a tea at the home of Annette Williams, the chapter's queen. The organization embraces the motto, "Doing what they want, when they want to." There are currently 30 Red Hatters, ladies over the age of 50 and seven Pink Hatters, those under the age of 50; and

**WHEREAS**, Classy Girlfriends Forever are active community partners. Over the years, they have raised \$2,500 as a corporate sponsor of the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure and sponsored the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Nubian Celebration with other Florida Red Hat Society chapters; and

**WHEREAS**, The Girlfriends also adopted the 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls of Miami Carol City Middle School for the school year organizing tea parties, story times, and other educational events.

**WHEREAS**, recently, in partnership with the Food for the Poor, members built a house for an underprivileged family in Haiti and they have plans to build more; and

**WHEREAS**, Queen Annette Williams and the members of Classy Girlfriends Forever demonstrate that community service is a lifelong commitment. Their philanthropic efforts have enriched the lives of the residents of South Florida;

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-108 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Classy Girlfriends Forever for their service to our community.

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

**Presented this seventh day of September, A.D. 2011**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary