

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Board Member

**SUBJECT:                   REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 12-128 OF  
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING PARAFRUIT EDUCATION FOR ITS  
COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**COMMITTEE:           INSTRUCTIONAL   EXCELLENCE    AND   COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT**

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

Parafruit Education's guiding principle is that children deserve a quality education that is built upon a strong foundation in financial literacy and creative technological outlets that connect reading and math with technology. Parafruit Education was established to foster those ideals by administering a summer program headed by CEO and Program Director Ray Parris to align business ideals with technology inclined youth.

Students in Parafruit's summer camp start out with a business idea and through weeks of workshops and activities covering multi-media technology, computer animation and photography, financial statement reporting, and public speaking give thirty second "pitches" on their idea. Their plans are judged on how attractive and reliable their revenue projections are, how clear the actual proposals were presented, and the quality of their visual aids. Winners are chosen from a panel of business and community leaders to receive funding for the progression of their proposals.

An accomplished artist, teacher and entrepreneur, Program Director Ray Parrish shares his more than 14 years of experience with the students of Miami-Dade County. He is the recipient of the Disney Teacher Award, Harvard Business School NFTI Teacher Award and Local Hero Neighborhood Excellence Award.

Parafruit Education is to be commended for broadening the horizons of the students and families of Miami-Dade County Public Schools by allowing them to experience the joy work and success in the business world.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS-MINDINGALL:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-128 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Parafruit Education for its commitment to education and community service.

**RESOLUTION NO. 12-128  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING PARAFRUIT EDUCATION FOR ITS COMMITMENT TO  
EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**WHEREAS**, Parafruit Education's guiding principle is that children deserve a quality education that is built upon a strong foundation in financial literacy and creative technological outlets that connect reading and math with technology; and

**WHEREAS**, Parafruit Education was established to foster those ideals by administering a summer program headed by CEO and Program Director Ray Parris to align business ideals with technology inclined youth; and

**WHEREAS**, Students in Parafruit's summer camp start out with a business idea and through weeks of workshops and activities covering multi-media technology, computer animation and photography, financial statement reporting, and public speaking give thirty second "pitches" on their idea; and

**WHEREAS**, their plans are judged on how attractive and reliable their revenue projections are, how clear the actual proposals were presented, and the quality of their visual aids. Winners are chosen from a panel of business and community leaders to receive funding for the progression of their proposals; and

**WHEREAS**, an accomplished artist, teacher and entrepreneur, Program Director Ray Parrish shares his more than 14 years of experience with the students of Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, Parafruit Education is to be commended for broadening the horizons of the students and families of Miami-Dade County Public Schools by allowing them to experience the joy work and success in the business world;

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-128 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Parafruit Education for its commitment to education and community service.

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

**Presented this first day of August, A.D. 2012**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary