

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 14-032 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING PAOLA PIERRE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE HAITIAN AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF FLORIDA

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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

Paola Pierre is a visionary leader and involved community partner. As the Executive Director of the Haitian American Chamber of Commerce of Florida (HACCOF), she is responsible for creating and promoting business opportunities through the Chamber. She has served on the HACCOF board for six years. A seasoned business professional, Ms. Pierre holds a bachelor's degree in Human Resources from Trinity International University and a master's degree in Business Administration from the University of Phoenix.

Ms. Pierre is the owner of Pierre Consulting, which provides administrative services to organizations including the Florida Immigrant Coalition and the Biscayne Landing/Local Preference Office in North Miami. She has served the business community in various capacities such as the Vice President of Administration at Catalyst Miami, formerly known as the Human Services Coalition for 11 years. In addition, she worked as a Benefits/Human Resources Coordinator for Goodwill Industries of South Florida.

Ms. Pierre is active in the community through her involvement on the boards of the Miami-Dade Living Wage Coalition on behalf of Miami-Dade County Commissioner Rebeca Sosa, the Community Action Agency on behalf of Miami-Dade County Commissioner Jean Monestime, the Haitian Diaspora Federation and Little Haiti 2nd Avenue Partnership. She has been the Board Secretary of Our Little Ones Learning Center as well as the Treasurer at Kendall Community Church of God. She is the recipient of the 2013 District Advisory Council Arts, Culture and Education Ambassadors Award, Beacon of Hope and Achievement Award from the Consulate General Haiti and the Women of Courage Award from Koze Fanm. Legacy Magazine named her one of South Florida's 25 most Influential and Prominent Black Women in Business for 2012.

Paola Pierre exemplifies the principles of community service, education and leadership.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS-MINDINGALL: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 14-032 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Paola Pierre, Executive Director of The Haitian American Chamber of Commerce of Florida.

**RESOLUTION NO. 14-032
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING PAOLA PIERRE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE HAITIAN AMERICAN
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF FLORIDA**

WHEREAS, Paola Pierre is a visionary leader and involved community partner; and

WHEREAS, as the Executive Director of the Haitian American Chamber of Commerce of Florida (HACCOF), she is responsible for creating and promoting business opportunities through the Chamber. She has served on the HACCOF board for six years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Pierre is the owner of Pierre Consulting, which provides administrative services to organizations including the Florida Immigrant Coalition and the Biscayne Landing/Local Preference Office in North Miami; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Pierre is active in the community through her involvement on the boards of the Miami-Dade Living Wage Coalition on behalf of Miami-Dade County Commissioner Rebeca Sosa, the Community Action Agency on behalf of Miami-Dade County Commissioner Jean Monestime, the Haitian Diaspora Federation and Little Haiti 2nd Avenue Partnership. She is the recipient of the 2013 District Advisory Council Arts, Culture and Education Ambassadors Award, Beacon of Hope and Achievement Award from the Consulate General Haiti and the Women of Courage Award from Koze Fanm; and

WHEREAS, Paola Pierre exemplifies the principles of community service, education and leadership;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 14-032 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Paola Pierre, Executive Director of The Haitian American Chamber of Commerce of Florida.

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

Presented this twelfth day of March, A.D. 2014

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary