

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 14-054
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY
FOR THE ORGANIZATION'S COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION
AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

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

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is the largest African-American Greek-lettered sorority in the United States. The sorority has more than 300,000 members and approximately 950 chapters around the world. The private, non-profit organization was established in 1913 by 22 public service-minded Howard University students. The sorority provides scholarships, support to the underserved, education regarding public policy, and attention to issues facing their communities while finding solutions.

The organization implements a five point program, which includes economic development, education development, international awareness and involvement, physical and mental health well-being, and political awareness and involvement. Its national programs and initiatives include Delta Days in the nation's capital; Delta Days at the United Nations; The Dr. Betty Shabazz Delta Academy; The Healthy Lifestyle Initiatives –The Total Woman: Mind, Body and Spirit; Financial Fortitude; Project ART: Actively Redefining Together; Delta GEMS: Growing and Empowering Myself Successfully; and Water Tanks and Wells.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools champions organizations that uphold and enhance the ideals of quality education and opportunity for all students and families regardless of language, education level or economic status. The District observes Delta Days at the School Board in recognition of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority for its enduring legacy of exemplary public service to the South Florida community.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS-MINDINGALL: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 14-054 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Delta Sigma Theta Sorority for the organization's commitment to education and community service.

**RESOLUTION NO. 14-054
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY FOR THE ORGANIZATION'S
COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

WHEREAS, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is the largest African-American Greek-lettered sorority in the United States with more than 300,000 members and approximately 950 chapters around the world; and

WHEREAS, the organization implements a five point program, which includes economic development, education development, international awareness and involvement, physical and mental health, and political awareness and involvement; and

WHEREAS, its national programs and initiatives include Delta Days in the nation's capital; Delta Days at the United Nations; The Dr. Betty Shabazz Delta Academy; The Healthy Lifestyle Initiative –The Total Woman: Mind, Body and Spirit; Financial Fortitude; Project ART: Actively Redefining Together; Delta GEMS: Growing and Empowering Myself Successfully; and Water Tanks and Wells; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools champions organizations that uphold and enhance the ideals of quality education and opportunity for all students and families regardless of language, education level or economic status; and

WHEREAS, the District observes Delta Days at the School Board in recognition of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority for its enduring legacy of exemplary public service to the South Florida community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 14-054 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Delta Sigma Theta Sorority for the organization's commitment to education and community service.

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

Presented this seventh day of May, A.D. 2014

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary