

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Board Member

**SUBJECT:                   REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 14-070 OF THE  
SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING  
THE CIRCLE OF BROTHERHOOD**

**COMMITTEE:               INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

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

After a tragic shooting in the Liberty City neighborhood of the City of Miami, former City Commissioner Michelle Spence-Jones convened a task force to seek and develop ways to stop the violence that had become synonymous with Liberty City. In 2012 founding members Lyle Grandison, Pastor Jeffrey Mack, Leroy Jones, T. Willard Fair, Al Muhammad, and Pastor Davis created the Circle of Brotherhood. Now armed with the task force's findings Circle of Brotherhood sought to focus on personal development, mentorship of the youth, taking responsibility, and breaking traditional barriers to combat the ills of society. Today the Circle of Brotherhood is comprised of a dedicated group of men of color from all walks of life and backgrounds joined together in their passion to address the socio-economic disparities in the inner city.

The Circle of Brotherhood is active in the community through various programs including personal development training for young men that addresses subjects including social empowerment, fitness, and finances. The Brotherhood also stresses the importance of staying civically involved and can be seen addressing elected bodies of government at official meetings, taking part in volunteer efforts throughout Liberty City, or marching in Liberty City to bring awareness to gun violence incidents. The Brotherhood have successfully certified more than 50 members in CPR and First Aid Response, helped 8 members obtain small business grants, and have had all of its members complete the New Horizons/Overtown Fatherhood Initiative Course.

The Brotherhood also visits elementary schools in Liberty City to read to students, give motivational presentations, and to distribute free school supplies. Through their Saving Our Sons Program the Brotherhood has been able to mentor at-risk youth. The program attempts to instill the values of the Brotherhood while providing positive activities for the youth such as fishing, camping, and other active field trips. The program also organizes an annual toy giveaway during the holiday season.

The Circle of Brotherhood is to be commended for advocating economic and social responsibility in urban areas. Their tireless work on behalf of the children and families of Miami-Dade County Public Schools is a shining example of their commitment to the community.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 14-070 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Circle of Brotherhood.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 14-070  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING THE CIRCLE OF BROTHERHOOD**

**WHEREAS**, in 2012 founding members Lyle Grandison, Pastor Jeffrey Mack, Leroy Jones, T. Willard Fair, Al Muhammad, and Pastor Davis created the Circle of Brotherhood to focus on personal development, mentorship of the youth, taking responsibility, and breaking traditional barriers that support the ills of society; and

**WHEREAS**, the Brotherhood is active in the community through various programs including personal development training for young men that addresses subjects including social empowerment, fitness and finances. The Brotherhood also stresses the importance of staying civically involved and can be seen addressing elected bodies of government at official meetings, taking part in volunteer efforts throughout Liberty City, or marching Liberty City to bring awareness to important issues; and

**WHEREAS**, the Brotherhood have successfully certified more than 50 members in CPR and First Aid Response, helped 8 members obtain small business grants, and have had all of its members complete the New Horizons/Overtown Fatherhood Initiative Course; and

**WHEREAS**, the Brotherhood also visits elementary schools in Liberty City to read to students, give motivational presentations, and to distribute free school supplies. Through their Saving Our Sons Program the Brotherhood has been able to mentor at-risk youth. The program attempts to instill the values of the Brotherhood while providing positive activities for the youth such as fishing, camping, and other active field trips. The program also organizes an annual toy giveaway during the holiday season; and

**WHEREAS**, the Circle of Brotherhood is to be commended for advocating economic and social responsibility in urban areas. Their tireless work on behalf of the children and families of Miami-Dade County Public Schools is a shining example of their commitment to the community;

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 14-070 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Circle of Brotherhood.

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

**Presented this sixteenth day of July, A.D. 2014**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary