

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Board Member

Co-Sponsors:      Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, Board Member  
                             Ms. Maria Teresa Rojas, Board Member      } Added

**SUBJECT:                      REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 18-017 OF THE  
                                     SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
                                     RECOGNIZING CITY OF MIAMI NEIGHBORHOOD  
                                     ENHANCEMENT TEAM (NET) DIRECTOR VONCAROL KINCHEMS**

**COMMITTEE:                      PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC  
BLUEPRINT:                      INFORMED, ENGAGED & EMPOWERED STAKEHOLDERS**

Ms. vonCarol Y. Kinchens was born in Miami, Florida. Her father, Henry L. Kinchens was a supervisor for the dispatch service at Miami International Airport and her mother, Merdie D. Kinchens, a Nurse's Assistant at Mt. Sinai Hospital.

She attended Miami Jackson Senior High School and went on to attend Florida Memorial University and obtained her bachelor's degree in Business. Ms. Kinchens has been employed with the City of Miami for the past 22 years, where she started out as a temporary employee. She worked her way up to the position of Assistant Director of the Neighborhood Enhancement Team (NET) and after 8 years as a NET Administrator, she was promoted to the position of Director of NET in October of 2017. Ms. Kinchens is the first African American female to hold this position.

She has worked on several community projects in conjunction with other departments throughout the City of Miami including the Police Department North District which created community programs/projects such as the Annual Juneteenth Celebration, Safe Summer and Christmas on 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Ms. Kinchens serves on the Board of Women In Need of Destiny (WIND), ARK of the City -- which organizes the Christmas of 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue event, Mothers of Murdered Children and is currently the Vice Chair of Community Council 8 of Miami Dade County. She always makes it a priority to hear the concerns of others especially to those parents that have lost a child to gun violence, for she has experienced the same loss twenty (20) years ago.

Ms. Kinchens is the mother of four children (one deceased) and nine grandchildren and she contributes her humbleness to a strong will and belief in God and her parents. We pause to celebrate and recognize the value of her contributions to our community.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No.18-017 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing City of Miami Neighborhood Enhancement Team (NET) Director vonCarol Kinchens.

**RESOLUTION NO. 18-017  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING  
MS. VONCAROL Y. KINCHENS**

**WHEREAS**, Ms. vonCarol Y. Kinchens was born in Miami, Florida. Her father, Henry L. Kinchens was a supervisor for the dispatch service at Miami International Airport and her mother, Merdie D. Kinchens, a Nurse's Assistant at Mt. Sinai Hospital. Kinchens is the youngest of four children and;

**WHEREAS**, Kinchens attended Miami Jackson Senior High School and went on to attend Florida Memorial University and obtained her bachelor's degree in Business. Kinchens has been employed with the City of Miami for the past 22 years, where she started out as a temporary employee. Kinchens worked her way up to the position of Assistant Director of the Neighborhood Enhancement Team (NET) and after 8 years as a NET Administrator, she was promoted to the position of Director of NET in October of 2017. Kinchens is the first African American female to hold this position and;

**WHEREAS**, Kinchens has worked on several community projects in conjunction with other departments throughout the City of Miami including the Police Department North District which created community programs/projects such as the Annual Juneteenth Celebration, Safe Summer and Christmas on 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue and;

**WHEREAS**, Kinchens serves on the Board of Women in Need of Destiny (WIND), ARK of the City-- which organizes the Christmas of 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue event, Mothers of Murdered Children and is currently the Vice Chair of Community Council 8 of Miami Dade County and;

**WHEREAS**, Kinchens always makes it a priority to hear the concerns of others especially to those parents that have lost a child to gun violence, for she has experienced the same loss twenty (20) years ago and;

**WHEREAS**, Kinchens is the mother of four children (one deceased) and nine grandchildren and she contributes her humbleness to a strong will and belief in God and her parents. We pause to celebrate and recognize the value of her contributions to our community.

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 18-017 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Ms. vonCarol Y. Kinchens.

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

**Presented this twenty-first day of March A.D. 2018**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary