

Dr. Steve Gallon III, Board Member

SUBJECT: MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS' ENDORSEMENT OF THE NAACP ACT-SO PROGRAM

COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, INNOVATION, EVALUATION & TECHNOLOGY

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: RELEVANT, RIGOROUS AND INNOVATIVE ACADEMICS

Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) is committed to partnering with groups, organizations, and entities in the provision of educational and related opportunities for students. Through such partnerships, M-DCPS has been able to leverage internal and external resources and expand educational experiences for students.

Since 1978, ACT-SO has challenged students to excel and consistently put a spotlight on their efforts and successes, raised the standard of excellence and expectation among our youth, promoted a climate of academic and artistic development, and mobilized the adult community to serve as mentors and coaches for students in the areas of STEM, humanities, performing arts, visual arts and business.

ACT-SO is an enrichment program that culminates in a local and national competition where students compete for cash awards and prizes. Over the years, ACT-SO and M-DCPS has had a history of celebrating many gold, bronze and silver student medalist at the National NAACP ACT-SO competition. Therefore, ACT-SO, the "Olympics of the Mind", wishes to re-establish its partnership with Miami-Dade County Public Schools to promote positive self-esteem, academic and artistic excellence, and positive interaction between our youth and the adult professional community.

This item seeks the endorsement of the NAACP ACT-SO program as a part of its continued efforts to collaborate with community partners in the education of students.

This item has been reviewed and approved by the School Board Attorney's office as to form and legal sufficiency.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. STEVE GALLON III:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorse and support the NAACP ACT-SO program and the participation of students in the Miami-Dade County Public Schools.