

Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, Board Member

**SUBJECT:               REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-112 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING DR. ADEWALE ALONGE OF HOMESTEAD MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR HIS PARTICIPATION IN THE TEACHING AMBASSADOR FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM**

**COMMITTEE:           INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO DISTRICT**

**STRATEGIC PLAN: RECRUIT, DEVELOP, AND RETAIN HIGH-PERFORMING, DIVERSE, AND MOTIVATED FACULTY AND STAFF**

In 2008, the Teaching Ambassador Fellowship program was established by the U.S. Department of Education to give outstanding educators an opportunity to learn about national education policy and contribute their experience and expertise to policy discussions. Through community outreach, Fellows are able to develop policies that affect the classroom, communicate federal initiatives to their peers, and build strong leadership skills in the process.

This year, 13 teachers were selected from a field of 1,400 to participate in the Teaching Ambassador Fellowship program. Fellows were chosen based on their classroom experience, essays demonstrating their leadership qualities, knowledge of education policy and impact on student achievement. Applicants represented a cross-section of traditional and public charter school educators from rural, suburban and urban school districts.

Dr. Adewale Alonge, of Homestead Middle School, was selected as a Fellow for his outstanding work teaching biology and agriculture. A native of Nigeria, Dr. Alonge credits his parents with emphasizing the importance of education, and he hopes to bring a global perspective to policy-making. He will remain in the classroom and act as a part-time consultant to the Department of Education. Dr. Alonge also is the founder of a non-profit organization that promotes sustainable development in South Florida and sub-Saharan Africa.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**DR. LAWRENCE S. FELDMAN:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-112 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Dr. Adewale Alonge of Homestead Middle School for his participation in the Teaching Ambassador Fellowship Program.

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-112  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING DR. ADEWALE ALONGE OF HOMESTEAD MIDDLE SCHOOL  
FOR HIS PARTICIPATION IN THE TEACHING AMBASSADOR FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, in 2008, the Teaching Ambassador Fellowship program was established by the U.S. Department of Education to give outstanding educators an opportunity to learn about national education policy and contribute their experience and expertise to policy discussions; and

**WHEREAS**, this year, 13 teachers were selected from a field of 1,400 to participate in the Teaching Ambassador Fellowship program and were chosen based on their classroom experience, essays demonstrating their leadership qualities, knowledge of education policy and impact on student achievement; and

**WHEREAS**, applicants represented a cross-section of traditional and public charter school educators from rural, suburban and urban school districts; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Adewale Alonge, of Homestead Middle School, was selected as a Fellow for his outstanding work teaching biology and agriculture; and

**WHEREAS**, a native of Nigeria, Dr. Alonge credits his parents with emphasizing the importance of education, and he hopes to bring a global perspective to policy-making. Dr. Alonge also is the founder of a non-profit organization that promotes sustainable development in South Florida and sub-Saharan Africa;

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-112 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Dr. Adewale Alonge of Homestead Middle School for his participation in the Teaching Ambassador Fellowship Program.

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

**Presented this fourteenth day of October, A.D. 2009**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary