December 16, 2010

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 11-007 OF

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING REVEREND FATHER REGINALD JEAN-MARY FOR HIS COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION AND IMPROVING

HIS SURROUNDING COMMUNITY

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY

ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO STRATEGIC

FRAMEWORK: STUDENT, PARENT, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Reverend Father Reginald Jean-Mary has been the Pastor of Notre Dame D'Haiti Catholic Church since 2004. Under his leadership, Notre Dame D'Haiti has taken an active role in community service and education.

Father Reggie, as he is affectionately called, established the Pierre Toussaint Leadership & Learning Center, where an after-school program has been set up to assist students. Notre Dame D'Haiti also has civic engagement, music, and culinary arts programs for youths in Little Haiti.

As a firm believer in education being a family endeavor, Father Reggie worked with the State Representative for District 109 to establish a Creole Literacy Program to teach families how to read and write Creole. After becoming literate in Creole they could make the transition to learning English.

Father Reggie was an integral part of relief efforts after the earthquake in Haiti, the first anniversary of which is observed on January 12, 2011, and he serves as the Lead Director for the relief efforts in Haiti on behalf of the Archdiocese of Miami. He was especially critical in the assimilation of recently displaced children into Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

Father Reggie is fluent in five languages and is one of the most dynamic speakers of our generation. He has received many awards, including 'The Key to the City of North Miami', the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Award, and 'The Humanitarian Award' from Florida Memorial University.

ACTION PROPOSED BY DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS-MINDINGALL:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-007 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Reverend Father Reginald Jean-Mary for his commitment to education and improving his surrounding community.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-007 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING REVEREND FATHER REGINALD JEAN-MARY FOR HIS COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION AND IMPROVING HIS SURROUNDING COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, Reverend Father Reginald Jean-Mary has been the Pastor of Notre Dame D'Haiti Catholic Church since 2004. Under his leadership, the church has taken an active role in community service and education; and

WHEREAS, Father Reggie, as he is affectionately called, established the Pierre Toussaint Leadership & Learning Center, where an after-school program has been set up to assist students; and

WHEREAS, as a firm believer in education being a family endeavor, Father Reggie worked with the State Representative for District 109 to establish a Creole Literacy Program to teach families how to read and write Creole. After becoming literate in Creole they could make the transition to learning English; and

WHEREAS, Father Reggie was an integral part of relief efforts after the earthquake in Haiti, the first anniversary of which is observed on January 12, 2011, and he serves as the Lead Director for the relief efforts in Haiti on behalf of the Archdiocese of Miami; and

WHEREAS, he was especially critical in the assimilation of recently displaced children into Miami-Dade County Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, fluent in five languages, Father Reggie is a dynamic speaker. He has received many awards, including 'The Key to the City of North Miami', the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Award, and 'The Humanitarian Award' from Florida Memorial University;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-007 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Reverend Father Reginald Jean-Mary for his commitment to education and improving his surrounding community.

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

Presented this twelfth day of January, A.D. 2011

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

	CHAIR
ATTEST:	
Secretary	_