

Dr. Wilbert "Tee" Holloway, Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 11-056 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING DR. GERALD GLASS FOR HIS INFLUENCE AND DEDICATION AT BUNCHE PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

COMMITTEE: SCHOOL SUPPORT ACCOUNTABILITY

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

Dr. Gerald Glass, CEO and co-founder of Automated Healthcare Solutions, was matched with Bunche Park Elementary School in 2009 through the Partner to Advance School Success (PASS) project. Through PASS, Dr. Glass has pledged to contribute \$100,000 to Bunche Park Elementary over three years. The funds have impacted the school in many positive ways, from the creation of a summer camp in 2009 for 100 students, to implementing a dance and drama club, and the purchase of 18 Smart Boards.

Dr. Glass' partnership goes beyond his contribution as he finds the time to be a part of Bunche Park's total organization as Principal for a Day and also as a member of the school's Educational Excellence School Advisory Council (EESAC). Described by the school staff as a humanitarian who helps those in need, Dr. Glass made the dream of visiting Disney World a reality for all of Bunche Park's fifth-grade students. Additionally, he donated \$100 gift certificates to each graduating fifth grader so they could start sixth grade with new sets of school supplies. Last summer, Dr. Glass gave additional funds to help 65 students participate in summer camp. Dr. Glass also provided a carnival for the entire Bunche Park community to meet parents and get them involved in their children's school.

A true believer that a child's socioeconomic status should not hinder their exposure to activities that contributes to their social and academic growth, Dr. Glass served an active role in creating the "70s Bunche" project. Students who achieve 70 percent or higher on the monthly assessments are treated to incentives. The students have been so motivated that their academic performance has increased significantly.

The students, parents, faculty and staff of Bunche Park Elementary School hold Dr. Glass in such high esteem that two student awards have been created in his name. The "Outstanding Dr. Gerald Glass Award" will be awarded annually to two fifth-grade students who exemplify outstanding performance. Additionally, the first inter-school Academic Bowl was held for five neighboring schools, and three exceptional schools were presented with the "Dr. Gerald Glass Academic Award" in reading, science and mathematics. The uniqueness of this event has generated excitement among the schools and has resulted in increased academic improvement, parental involvement and camaraderie among the schools.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. WILBERT "TEE" HOLLOWAY:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-056 of the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Dr. Gerald Glass for his influence and dedication at Bunche Park Elementary School.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 11-056
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING DR. GERALD GLASS FOR HIS INFLUENCE AND DEDICATION AT
BUNCHE PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

WHEREAS, Dr. Gerald Glass, CEO and co-founder of Automated Healthcare Solutions, was matched with Bunche Park Elementary School in 2009 through the Partner to Advance School Success (PASS) project, and pledged to contribute \$100,000 to Bunche Park Elementary over three years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Glass' partnership goes beyond his contribution as he finds the time to be a part of Bunche Park Elementary School's total organization as Principal for a Day and also as a member of the school's Educational Excellence School Advisory Council (EESAC); and

WHEREAS, described by the school staff as a humanitarian, Dr. Glass made the dream of visiting Disney World a reality for all of Bunche Park's fifth-grade students. He also donated \$100 gift certificates to each graduating fifth grader so they could start sixth grade with new sets of school supplies; and

WHEREAS, last summer, Dr. Glass gave additional funds to help 65 students participate in summer camp. Dr. Glass also provided a carnival for the entire Bunche Park community to meet parents and get them involved in their children's school; and

WHEREAS, a true believer that a child's socioeconomic status should not hinder their exposure to activities that contributes to their social and academic growth, Dr. Glass served an active role in creating the "70s Bunche" project for students who achieve 70 percent or higher on the monthly; and

WHEREAS, the Bunche Park Elementary School students, parents, faculty and staff hold Dr. Glass in such high esteem, that two student awards have been created in his name. The "Outstanding Dr. Gerald Glass Award," awarded annually to two fifth-grade students who exemplify outstanding performance, and the "Dr. Gerald Glass Academic Award" presented to the winners of the inter-school Academic Bowl;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-056 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Dr. Gerald Glass for his influence and dedication at Bunche Park Elementary School.

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

Presented this eleventh day of May, A.D. 2011

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary