

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Board Member

**SUBJECT:                   REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION 12-108 OF  
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,  
FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING D. KEVIN MCNEIR FOR HIS  
COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION AND PUBLIC SERVICE**

**COMMITTEE:               INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT**

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

For the past two years, D. Kevin McNeir has solidified his position as a respected journalist at The Miami Times. Mr. McNeir began his career at The Miami Times as a reporter and he was quickly promoted to senior editor. Under his leadership, the newspaper has won five national awards including the prestigious Russwurm Award and General Excellence from the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA). According to the NNPA, he is the number one African American news reporter and number two African American entertainment writer in the nation. He is currently penning his first book.

A veteran newsman of 16 years, Mr. McNeir has interviewed such luminaries as President Bill Clinton, Reverend Jesse Jackson, Reverend Al Sharpton and Louis Farrakhan. A native son of Detroit, Michigan, Mr. McNeir graduated from the University of Michigan, Emory University and Princeton Theological Seminary. He has also completed two master's degrees and course work toward his doctorate in philosophy and ethics. In addition, he has taught elementary school level English composition and history as well as college-level English literature and philosophy. An ordained Methodist minister, Mr. McNeir has served as a pastor, youth minister and church musician.

D. Kevin McNeir is to be commended for his commitment to informing the African American community about issues that impact their lives. His work as a communicator and educator has enriched the lives of the children and families of Miami.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS-MINDINGALL:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-108 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing D. Kevin McNeir for his commitment to education and public service.

**Replacement  
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**RESOLUTION NO. 12-108  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING KEVIN MCNEIR FOR HIS COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION  
AND PUBLIC SERVICE**

**WHEREAS**, for the past two years, D. Kevin McNeir has solidified his position as a respected journalist at The Miami Times. Mr. McNeir began his career at The Miami Times as a reporter and he was quickly promoted to senior editor; and

**WHEREAS**, under his leadership, the newspaper has won five national awards including the prestigious Russwurm Award and General Excellence from the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA); and

**WHEREAS**, according to the NNPA, he is the number one African American news reporter and number two African American entertainment writer in the nation. He is currently penning his first book; and

**WHEREAS**, a veteran newsman of 16 years, Mr. McNeir has interviewed such luminaries as President Bill Clinton, Reverend Jesse Jackson, Reverend Al Sharpton and Louis Farrakhan; and

**WHEREAS**, a native son of Detroit, Michigan, Mr. McNeir graduated from the University of Michigan, Emory University and Princeton Theological Seminary. In addition, he has taught elementary school level English composition and history as well as college-level English literature and philosophy; and

**WHEREAS**, D. Kevin McNeir is to be commended for his commitment to informing the African American community about issues that impact their lives. His work as a communicator and educator has enriched the lives of the children and families of Miami;

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-108 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing D. Kevin McNeir for his commitment to education and public service.

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

**Presented this thirteenth day of June, A.D. 2012**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary