

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Board Member

**SUBJECT:                   REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 14-007  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,  
FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING LUTHER CAMPBELL**

**COMMITTEE:           INSTRUCTIONAL   EXCELLENCE    AND   COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT**

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

Through the years, community advocate, political activist, business leader, and music legend Luther "Uncle Luke" Campbell has had a profound impact nationwide and on the South Florida community. Mr. Campbell established the first and only African American- owned record label in 1983 and was the first rap star to place on the Billboard Pop Charts. He was featured in The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame's exhibit titled, "Hip-Hop Nation: Roots, Rhymes and Rage."

In the early 1990s, Mr. Campbell championed the rights of freedom of speech in music. He was honored with the Free Speech Coalition's "Celebrity Freedom Fighter Award" in 2004 in recognition of his efforts for artists' freedom of expression.

Mr. Campbell impacted the lives of hundreds of South Florida high school students when he served as a football coach at Miami Central and Miami Northwestern senior high schools with the support of area parents and community leaders. He served as a positive role model to the players and continues to leave his mark on the community through his service and activism. Mr. Campbell also spent nearly two decades mentoring inner-city youth as co-founder of The Liberty City Optimist Club. Even with success on the football field, Mr. Campbell considers the academic achievements of his students his greatest accomplishment.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends Luther "Uncle Luke" Campbell for his dedication and efforts on behalf of the South Florida community and his commitment to preserving artistic freedom.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS-MINDINGALL:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 14-007 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Luther Campbell.

**Replacement  
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**RESOLUTION NO. 14-007  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING LUTHER CAMPBELL**

**WHEREAS**, through the years, community advocate, political activist, business leader, and music legend Luther "Uncle Luke" Campbell has had a profound impact nationwide and on the South Florida community; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Campbell established the first and only African American-owned record label in 1983 and was the first rap star to place on the Billboard Pop Charts. He was featured in The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame's exhibit titled, "Hip-Hop Nation: Roots, Rhymes and Rage"; and

**WHEREAS**, in the early 1990s, Mr. Campbell championed the rights of freedom of speech in music. He was honored with the Free Speech Coalition's "Celebrity Freedom Fighter Award" in 2004 in recognition of his efforts for artists' freedom of expression; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Campbell impacted the lives of hundreds of South Florida high school students when he served as a football coach at Miami Central and Miami Northwestern senior high schools with the support of area parents and community leaders. He served as a positive role model to the players and continues to leave his mark on the community through his service and activism; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends Luther "Uncle Luke" Campbell for his dedication and efforts on behalf of the South Florida community and his commitment to preserving artistic freedom;

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 14-007 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida recognizing Luther Campbell.

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

**Presented this fifteenth day of January, A.D. 2014**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary