

Dr. Wilbert "Tee" Holloway, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 14-083 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING CONCERNED AFRICAN WOMEN, INC. FOR 25 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING PARTNERSHIP AND PERFORMANCE IN IMPLEMENTING VALUABLE PROGRAMS TO SERVE BOTH STUDENTS AND PARENTS IN DISTRICT 1

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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

Concerned African Women, Inc. (CAW) was established 25 years ago to assist the most underserved and vulnerable families in Miami-Dade County. It was created by three concerned women who wanted to make a difference in the lives of children and families who were facing negative life circumstances. In its early days of service, CAW focused on increasing self awareness and basic life skills like reading. The organization currently employs 29 professionals, including certified teachers, licensed social workers and other staff. It operates from nine locations and served more than 1,000 people last year alone.

CAW has crafted one of the nation's leading comprehensive approaches to offering services that infuse cultural awareness into programs that help children and parents by ending the generational pattern of poverty. It provides several programs such as *Cultural Impact*, which educates them about their rich artistic and academic legacy and the culture of success. Roughly 90 percent of its clients are of African descent. *Olde Fashioned Manners* emphasizes and normalizes self-respect, courtesy and positive communications. CAW was recognized by Miami-Dade County Public Schools with a 2013 Beyond the Bell Award and the Outstanding Dade Partner Award from COPE Center North.

Concerned African Women is to be commended for its tireless work on behalf of the children and families of Miami-Dade County. This important work has enriched the lives of generations to come.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. WILBERT "TEE" HOLLOWAY: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 14-083 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Concerned African Women, Inc. for 25 years of outstanding partnership and performance in implementing valuable programs to serve both students and parents in District 1.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-083
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING CONCERNED AFRICAN WOMEN, INC. FOR 25 YEARS OF
OUTSTANDING PARTNERSHIP AND PERFORMANCE IN IMPLEMENTING VALUABLE
PROGRAMS TO SERVE BOTH STUDENTS AND PARENTS IN DISTRICT 1

WHEREAS, Concerned African Women, Inc. (CAW) was established 25 years ago to assist the most underserved and vulnerable families in Miami-Dade County. It was created by three concerned women who wanted to make a difference in the lives of children and families who were facing negative life circumstances; and

WHEREAS, it operates from nine locations and served more than 1,000 people last year alone; and

WHEREAS, CAW has crafted one of the nation's leading comprehensive approaches to offering services that infuse cultural awareness into programs that help children and parents by ending the generational pattern of poverty; and

WHEREAS, CAW was recognized by Miami-Dade County Public Schools with a 2013 Beyond the Bell Award and the Outstanding Dade Partner Award from COPE Center North; and

WHEREAS, Concerned African Women is to be commended for its tireless work on behalf of the children and families of Miami-Dade County. This important work has enriched the lives of generations to come;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 14-083 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Concerned African Women, Inc. for 25 years of outstanding partnership and performance in implementing valuable programs to serve both students and parents in District 1.

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

Presented this third day of September, A.D. 2014

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary