

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 14-109 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING SUN LIFE FINANCIAL AND SUN LIFE RISING STAR AWARDS RECIPIENT, JUNIOR APPO

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: EDUCATION

Sun Life Financial is an international success story. It has touched the lives of millions of people through their operations, subsidiaries and joint ventures in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Hong Kong, the Philippines, Japan, Indonesia, India, China, Australia, Singapore, Vietnam, Malaysia and Bermuda.

Sun Life Financial is in the business of making brighter futures happen. Sun Life's products, services and commitment to giving back to the communities in which it serves, sets a high standard for other businesses to aspire. Sun Life has focused on initiatives that empower people through education and programs that encourage healthy living, and has partnered with organizations that align with its corporate values of giving.

The Sun Life Rising Star Awards helps to improve the lives of underserved youth. The program provides financial resources and education to students and nonprofit organizations committed to increasing success in high school and beyond. Since 2010, Sun Life has invested nearly \$4 million in grants, scholarships, and other resources through the Rising Star initiative.

The Rising Star program recognizes best-in-class organizations by providing \$50,000 grants in recognition of its commitment to youth and education. Each organization then has the opportunity to nominate a high school senior who participates in the organization's program for a \$5,000 scholarship to be put toward post-secondary education. Among this year's South Florida Sun Life Rising Star Awards recipients is Junior Appo, a senior at Miami Edison Senior High School. Junior and the other winners will be honored at a special pre-game, on-field ceremony at the *Miami Dolphins vs. Baltimore Ravens* game at Sun Life Stadium on December 7, 2014.

The School Board commends Sun Life Financial for supporting education in Miami-Dade County and Junior Appo for being an outstanding student and a rising star in the community.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS-MINDINGALL:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 14-109 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Sun Life Financial and Sun Life Rising Star Awards Recipient, Junior Appo.

**Replacement
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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING
SUN LIFE FINANCIAL AND SUN LIFE RISING STAR AWARDS RECIPIENT, JUNIOR APPO**

WHEREAS, Sun Life Financial is an international success story. It has are touched the lives of millions of people through their operations, subsidiaries and joint ventures in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Hong Kong, the Philippines, Japan, Indonesia, India, China, Australia, Singapore, Vietnam, Malaysia and Bermuda; and

WHEREAS, Sun Life Financial is in the business of making brighter futures happen and has focused on initiatives that empower people through education and programs that encourage healthy living, and also has partnered with organizations that align with its corporate values of giving; and

WHEREAS, the Sun Life Rising Star Awards helps to improve the lives of underserved youth. The program provides financial resources and education to students and nonprofit organizations committed to increasing success in high school and beyond; and

WHEREAS, since 2010, Sun Life has invested nearly \$4 million in grants, scholarships, and other resources through the Rising Star initiative; and

WHEREAS, the Rising Star program recognizes best-in-class organizations by providing \$50,000 grants in recognition of its commitment to youth and education. Each organization then has the opportunity to nominate a high school senior who participates in the organization's program for a \$5,000 scholarship to be put toward post-secondary education; and

WHEREAS, Among this year's South Florida Sun Life Rising Star Awards recipients is Junior Appo, a senior at Miami Edison Senior High School. Junior and the other winners will be honored at a special pre-game, on-field ceremony at the *Miami Dolphins vs. Baltimore Ravens* game at Sun Life Stadium on December 7, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the School Board commends Sun Life Financial for supporting education in Miami-Dade County and Junior Appo for being an outstanding student and a rising star in the community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 14-109 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Sun Life Financial and Sun Life Rising Star Awards Recipient, Junior Appo.

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

Presented this nineteenth day of November, A.D. 2014

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary