

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Board Member

**SUBJECT:** REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 15-005 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING COUNTY COMMISSIONER JEAN MONESTIME, FIRST HAITIAN-AMERICAN ELECTED TO THE COUNTY COMMISSION AND AS CHAIRMAN.

**COMMITTEE:** INNOVATION, GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS, AND } Revised  
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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

Commissioner Monestime began his public service as Councilman and Vice-Mayor for the City of North Miami. Soon after, he achieved many firsts as the first Haitian-American elected to the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners on November 2, 2010 and re-elected on November 4, 2014. On January 1, 2015, he became the first Haitian-American to ever serve as Chairman of the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners.

Commissioner Monestime has been a tireless advocate for our children and seniors. He has fought to secure funds to renovate and rebuild parks and recreation centers located in our community. In addition, he has worked to create employment initiatives that would spur economic development in underserved areas of District 2.

He has been active in numerous organizations including; the African-American NON-GROUP Coalition, HAAP, NAACP, National Black MBA Association, Haitian-American Grassroots Coalition, Turner Tech High School Finance Board, HAPAC, Little Haiti Optimist Club, and HAHS.

A former Miami-Dade public school teacher, Commissioner Monestime has also served on the University and Community Zone Schools Advisory Committee for the Miami-Dade County School Board. He earned his MBA from the H. Wayne Huizenga School of Business & Entrepreneurship at Nova Southeastern University. He also obtained a bachelor's degree in Finance from Florida International University.

The School Board commends Commissioner Jean Monestime for his leadership and service to the citizens of Miami-Dade County and the State of Florida.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS-MINDINGALL:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 15-005 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Jean Monestime.

**Revised Replacement  
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