

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Board Member

**SUBJECT:                   REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 15-024  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,  
FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING MS. VALERIE RILES**

**COMMITTEE:               PERSONNEL SERVICES AND STUDENT AND SCHOOL  
SUPPORT**

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

Valerie Riles is an avid supporter of the arts and an education stakeholder. As the Vice President of Board and Government Relations for the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County, she is responsible for maintaining and fostering relationships with government agencies at the federal and state levels. She also oversees the Performing Arts Center Trust Board of Directors, which comprises a diverse volunteer group of 41 community leaders.

Ms. Riles has served the community for more than two decades through various agencies including the Black Archives, History and Research Foundation of South Florida and the Lyric Theater. She served as the Arts Education Administrator for the Broward Cultural Arts Division where she initiated the Children's Cultural and Community Arts and Education programs.

Ms. Riles is active in the community as a member of the Dade County Chapter of Links, Inc., and National Black MBA Association. She is a mentor for Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Greater Miami as well as a Board Member of Voices for Children. She created the Clyde W. Judson, Jr. Architectural Scholarship Fund, which awards \$2,500 to an African-American student interested in studying architecture or urban planning. She was recognized with the 2014 In the Company of Women Award and a 2012 Community Pillar Award. In addition, Legacy Magazine named her one of South Florida's 50 Most Powerful Black Professionals and in 2009 South Florida Success Magazine honored her as one of the 25 Most Distinguished Black Business Women in South Florida.

Valerie Riles is to be committed for her unwavering support of the students and families of Miami-Dade County. Her dedication to encouraging and cultivating an appreciation for the arts in children and the community has positively impacted the lives of many.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS-MINDINGALL:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 15-024 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Ms. Valerie Riles.

**Replacement  
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**RESOLUTION NO. 15-024  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING MS. VALERIE RILES**

**WHEREAS**, Valerie Riles is an avid supporter of the arts and an education stakeholder. As the Vice President of Board and Government Relations for the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County, she is responsible for maintaining and fostering relationships with government agencies at the federal and state levels; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Riles has served the community for more than two decades through various agencies including the Black Archives, History and Research Foundation of South Florida and the Lyric Theater. She served as the Arts Education Administrator for the Broward Cultural Arts Division where she initiated the Children's Cultural and Community Arts and Education programs; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Riles is active in the community as a member of the Dade County Chapter of Links, Inc., and National Black MBA Association. She is a mentor for Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Greater Miami as well as a Board Member of Voices for Children. She was recognized with the 2014 In the Company of Women Award and a 2012 Community Pillar Award. In addition, Legacy Magazine named her one of South Florida's 50 Most Powerful Black Professionals and in 2009 South Florida Success Magazine honored her as one of the 25 Most Distinguished Black Business Women in South Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, she created the Clyde W. Judson, Jr. Architectural Scholarship Fund, which awards \$2,500 to an African-American student interested in studying architecture or urban planning; and

**WHEREAS**, Valerie Riles is to be committed for her unwavering support of the students and families of Miami-Dade County. Her dedication to encouraging and cultivating an appreciation for the arts in children and the community has positively impacted the lives of many;

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 15-024 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Ms. Valerie Riles.

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

**Presented this eighteenth day of March, A.D. 2015**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary