

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 15-077
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
FLORIDA, HONORING THE 100 BLACK MEN OF SOUTH
FLORIDA, INC.**

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

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The purpose of this board item is to honor the members of the 100 Black Men of South Florida, Inc. for their leadership role in improving the quality of life for African-Americans and other minorities. The 100 Black Men of South Florida Inc. has been committed to combatting the plagues of illiteracy, professional stagnation, political, and economic disenfranchisement, which unfortunately affects our community.

For over 26 years, the 100 Black Men of South Florida Inc. has successfully implemented programs such as the creation of The Leadership Academy which takes boys in grades 6-8 and provides them with mentoring, tutoring and assistance through their graduation from high school and on to their undergraduate education. The Leadership Academy also develops, among other things, specialized programs for improving cognitive skills and overall development of young leaders, as well as addressing early needs of at-risk youth by providing counseling before problems reach the critical stage of dropping out of school or dealing with the criminal justice system.

Through its Positive Youth Development Program, members of the 100 Black Men of South Florida, Inc. mentor and engage young men in grades 6, 7 and 8 during the school year. Members and students hold live discussions about setting and achieving academic and professional goals. The organization also sponsors the 100 Black Men of South Florida College and Career Expo. The Expo exposes 11th and 12th graders county-wide to colleges and trade schools from around the country.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS-MINDINGALL: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 15-077 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring the 100 Black Men of South Florida, Inc.

**Replacement
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**RESOLUTION NO 15-077
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
HONORING THE MEMBERS OF THE 100 BLACK MEN OF SOUTH FLORIDA, INC.**

WHEREAS, the members of the 100 Black Men of South Florida, Inc. play a major leadership role in improving the quality of life for African-Americans and other minorities. The 100 Black Men of South Florida Inc. has been committed to combatting the plagues of illiteracy, professional stagnation, political, and economic disenfranchisement which unfortunately at times affect our community; and

WHEREAS, for over 26 years, the 100 Black Men of South Florida Inc. has successfully implemented programs such as the creation of The Leadership Academy which takes boys in grades 6-8 and provides them with mentoring, tutoring and assistance right throughout their undergraduate education; and

WHEREAS, The Leadership Academy also develops specialized programs for improving cognitive skills and overall development of young leaders, as well as addresses early needs of at-risk youth by providing counseling before problems reach the critical stage of students dropping out of school or encountering the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, through its Positive Youth Development Program, members of the 100 Black Men of South Florida, Inc. mentor and engage young men in grades 6, 7 and 8 during the school year. Members and students hold live discussions about setting and achieving academic and professional goals; and

WHEREAS, the organization also sponsors the 100 Black Men of South Florida College and Career Expo. The Expo exposes 11th and 12th graders county-wide to colleges and trade schools from around the country;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No.15-077 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring the 100 Black Men of South Florida, Inc.

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

Presented this ninth day of September, A.D. 2015

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary