

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 16-112 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING JESSICA SINKFIELD**

**COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS, & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: INFORMED, ENGAGED & EMPOWERED STAKEHOLDERS**

Jessica Sinkfield was born and raised in Ferguson, Missouri. Jessica went to Howard University in Washington, DC and graduated with magna cum laude Honors and Departmental Honors in Economics. While at Howard she was a Patricia Roberts Harris Public Affairs Fellow in the Executive Office of the Mayor of Washington, DC, and a Thurgood Marshall Fellow with the Council on Legal Education in Chicago, IL.

Jessica worked for the Honorable Congressman William Lacy Clay, Jr., in the United States House of Representatives, The United States Department of Justice-Fraud Section and on President Barack Obama's 2008 Inauguration Committee. After a final externship for the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia, Jessica graduated from Howard University School of Law in May of 2012.

Following graduation, Jessica was recruited to Miami, Florida to serve as an Assistant State Attorney for the Miami-Dade County State Attorney's Office where she prosecuted DUI, traffic and misdemeanor crimes on behalf of the State of Florida. She later worked in the Juvenile Division where she prosecuted misdemeanors and felonies committed by juveniles in Miami-Dade County. She ascended through her office to the adult Felony Division where she prosecuted adults in front of the Honorable Judge Dennis Murphy and Judge Miguel de la O. In the adult Felony Division, Jessica handled violent crimes, drug trafficking cases and sexual assaults.

Jessica was recently selected by State Attorney Katherine Fernandez Rundle as her new Community Prosecutor. As a Community Prosecutor, Jessica engages community members, businesses, elected officials and organizations with the State Attorney's Office to ensure that community concerns are heard and that they are likewise educated on the prosecutorial commitments of the State Attorney's Office. Jessica volunteers as a Miami-Dade County Teen Court Judge and with a local Girl Scout troop in Miami Gardens, Florida. She is a community presenter on Human Trafficking and a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS-MINDINGALL:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 16-112 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Jessica Sinkfield.

**RESOLUTION NO. 16-112  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING JESSICA SINKFIELD**

**WHEREAS**, Jessica Sinkfield was born and raised in Ferguson, Missouri. Jessica went to Howard University in Washington, DC and graduated with magna cum laude Honors and Departmental Honors in Economics. While at Howard she was a Patricia Roberts Harris Public Affairs Fellow in the Executive Office of the Mayor of Washington, DC, and a Thurgood Marshall Fellow with the Council on Legal Education in Chicago, IL; and

**WHEREAS**, Jessica worked for the Honorable Congressman William Lacy Clay, Jr., in the United States House of Representatives, The United States Department of Justice-Fraud Section and on President Barack Obama's 2008 Inauguration Committee. After a final externship for the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia, Jessica graduated from Howard University School of Law in May of 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, following graduation, Jessica was recruited to Miami, Florida to serve as an Assistant State Attorney for the Miami-Dade County State Attorney's Office where she prosecuted DUI, traffic and misdemeanor crimes on behalf of the State of Florida. She later worked in the Juvenile Division where she prosecuted misdemeanors and felonies committed by juveniles in Miami-Dade County. She ascended through her office to the adult Felony Division where she prosecuted adults in front of the Honorable Judge Dennis Murphy and Judge Miguel de la O. In the adult Felony Division, Jessica handled violent crimes, drug trafficking cases and sexual assaults; and

**WHEREAS**, Jessica was recently selected by State Attorney Katherine Fernandez Rundle as her new Community Prosecutor. As a Community Prosecutor, Jessica engages community members, businesses, elected officials and organizations with the State Attorney's Office to ensure that community concerns are heard and that they are likewise educated on the prosecutorial commitments of the State Attorney's Office. Jessica volunteers as a Miami-Dade County Teen Court Judge and with a local Girl Scout troop in Miami Gardens, Florida. She is a community presenter on Human Trafficking and a proud member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 16-112 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Jessica Sinkfield

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

**Presented this fourteenth day of December, A.D. 2016**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary