

Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST THE APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 17-028 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FLORIDA, HONORING THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF BOOKER T. WASHINGTON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL SERVICES AND STUDENT AND SCHOOL SUPPORT

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: HIGHLY EFFECTIVE TEACHERS, LEADERS AND STAFF

Booker T. Washington Senior High School, home of the Tornadoes, is the second oldest high school in South Florida and the first to serve the African American Community. Founded in 1926 for "Negro" students from West Palm Beach to Key West, this stalwart school became the pride of the community. After many years as the gateway to life's journey for neighborhood students, Booker T. Washington Senior High was converted to a middle school in 1967.

Through many years of deliberations, "The Washingtonians," a dedicated Alumni group, convinced the Miami-Dade County Public School Board to reinstate the school to its senior high status. AS a result, Booker T. Washington Senior High re-opened in August 1999 as an all-academy, neighborhood, and comprehensive senior high school.

A 30 million dollar construction and renovation project upgraded the facility to high school standards. This project included a new gymnasium, new auditorium, a track and field facility, a new classroom complex, in addition to the renovation of the cafeteria, classrooms and the media center.

The mission of Booker T. Washington Senior High School is to promote a safe community that champions high academic standards, self-realization, and responsible citizenship for all students.

PROPOSED BY

DR. DOROTHY BENDROSS-MINDINGALL: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida approve Resolution No. 17-028 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida honoring the 90th anniversary of Booker T. Washington Senior High School.

**RESOLUTION NO. 17-028
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
HONORING THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF BOOKER T. WASHINGTON SENIOR
HIGH SCHOOL**

WHEREAS, Booker T. Washington Senior High School, home of the Tornadoes, is the second oldest high school in South Florida and the first to serve the African American Community. Founded in 1926 for “Negro” students from West Palm Beach to Key West, this stalwart school became the pride of the community. After many years as the gateway to life’s journey for neighborhood students, Booker T. Washington Senior High was converted to a middle school in 1967; and

WHEREAS, through many years of deliberations, “The Washingtonians,” a dedicated Alumni group, convinced the Miami-Dade County Public School Board to reinstate the school to its senior high status. AS a result, Booker T. Washington Senior High reopened in August 1999 as an all-academy, neighborhood, and comprehensive senior high school; and

WHEREAS, a 30 million dollar construction and renovation project upgraded the facility to high school standards. This project included a new gymnasium, new auditorium, a track and field facility, a new classroom complex, in addition to the renovation of the cafeteria, classrooms and the media center; and

WHEREAS, the mission of Booker T. Washington Senior High School is to promote a safe community that champions high academic standards, self-realization, and responsible citizenship for all students.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 17-028 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring the 90th anniversary of Booker T. Washington Senior High School.

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

Presented this fifteenth day of March, A.D. 2017

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary