

Ms. Maria Teresa Rojas, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 17-046
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING DR. SOLOMON C. STINSON**

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

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BLUEPRINT: INFORMED, ENGAGED, AND EMPOWERED
STAKEHOLDERS**

Power and a title does not make a leader. Having the power as a supervisor or a boss does not automatically place you on a pedestal as a leader. Leaders motivate their followers to set high, attainable standards that result in successful product outcomes. Effective leaders have an honest understanding of who they are and what they represent. They have an intrinsic understanding of human nature and are able to evaluate the situation at hand, consider needs and emotions, and are able to arrive at workable solutions. An effective leader knows when an individual needs a "pat on the back" or needs to be recognized for a job well done. An educational leader believes in people and understands his/her role as an effective communicator. Throughout the years, Dr. Solomon C. Stinson has exemplified the qualities of an outstanding educational leader.

Dr. Solomon C. Stinson joined Miami-Dade County Public Schools in 1960 as an elementary teacher at Holmes Elementary School. He became an administrative assistant at Holmes Elementary in 1966; an Assistant Principal at Rainbow Park Elementary in 1968; and a Principal at North Glade Elementary from 1970 to 1973. Later on in 1973, Dr. Stinson was a Rockefeller Intern and a graduate student at the University of Iowa. In 1974-1975, he served as a teaching assistant at the University of Iowa while completing his Ph.D. In 1975, he returned to Miami-Dade as Principal of Lake Stevens Elementary School where he served until 1977. He was then promoted to Area Line Director for Elementary and Secondary Schools and served in that capacity in the South Central and North Area Offices. In 1979, Dr. Stinson became an Assistant Superintendent for the Bureau of Business Management and in 1981 he served as Area Superintendent for the North Central Area. In 1986, Dr. Stinson was promoted to the position of Associate Superintendent for the Bureau of School Operations and in January, 1991 he was Senior Associate Superintendent for School Operations. In June 1991, Dr. Stinson became Deputy Superintendent for School Operations serving this school district until his retirement in July 1996.

In November 1996, Dr. Stinson ran for office and was elected as the District 2 representative for the Miami-Dade School Board. During his first year, he was elected by his peers to serve as the Chair of the School Board and the first Chair to serve three consecutive terms (1996-1997, 1997-1998, and 1998-1999). He was re-elected to the School Board in November 1998, November 2002, and again in November 2006. Once again, Dr. Stinson was elected by his peers to serve as the Chair of the School Board for the terms 2008-2009 and 2009-2010. He retired on November 15, 2010 after serving fifty years with Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

Dr. Stinson is an active member of Mount Tabor Missionary Baptist Church where he serves as Chair of the Board of Trustees and Chair of Movers. He is a life member #10923 of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and Florida Congress of Parents and Teachers (PTA/PTSA). Additionally, he has been an active member of many organizations, which include, but are not limited to, the Executive Board of the Boys Scouts of America, Junior Achievement of Greater Miami, the Family Christian Association of America, the Board of Directors of Jobs for Miami, the Board of Directors for Inroads/Miami, Inc., the Association of Haitian Educators of Dade, and the Miami-Dade County Youth Fair and Exposition Association. He has also been a frequent recipient of many awards and recognitions from local, state, and national civic and professional organizations.

Dr. Stinson received his Bachelor of Science Degree from Alabama State University. He earned a Master of Arts Degree and a Doctor of Philosophy Degree from the University of Iowa.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. MARIA TERESA ROJAS:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No.17-046 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Dr. Solomon C. Stinson.

**RESOLUTION NO. 17-046
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING DR. SOLOMON C. STINSON**

WHEREAS, Dr. Solomon C. Stinson joined Miami-Dade County Public Schools in 1960 as an elementary teacher at Holmes Elementary School. He became an administrative assistant at Holmes Elementary in 1966; an Assistant Principal at Rainbow Park Elementary in 1968; and a Principal at North Glade Elementary from 1970 to 1973, and

WHEREAS, later on in 1973, Dr. Stinson was a Rockefeller Intern and a graduate student at the University of Iowa. In 1974-1975, he served as a teaching assistant at the University of Iowa while completing his Ph.D. In 1975, he returned to Miami-Dade as Principal of Lake Stevens Elementary School where he served until 1977. He was then promoted to Area Line Director for Elementary and Secondary Schools and served in that capacity in the South Central and North Area Offices, and

WHEREAS, in 1979, Dr. Stinson became an Assistant Superintendent for the Bureau of Business Management and in 1981 he served as Area Superintendent for the North Central Area. In 1986, Dr. Stinson was promoted as an Associate Superintendent for the Bureau of School Operations and in January, 1991 he was Senior Associate Superintendent for School Operations. In June 1991, Dr. Stinson became Deputy Superintendent for School Operations serving this school district until his retirement in July 1996, and

WHEREAS, in November 1996, Dr. Stinson was elected as the District 2 representative for the Miami-Dade School Board. He was elected by his peers to serve as the Chair of the School Board and the first Chair to serve three consecutive terms (1996-1997, 1997-1998, and 1998-1999). He was re-elected to the School Board in November 1998, November 2002, and again in November 2006. Once again, Dr. Stinson was elected by his peers to serve as the Chair of the School Board for the term 2008-2009 and 2009-2010. He retired on November 15, 2010 after serving fifty years with Miami-Dade County Public Schools, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Stinson received his Bachelor of Science Degree from Alabama State University. He earned a Master of Arts Degree and a Doctor of Philosophy Degree from the University of Iowa.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 17-046 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Dr. Solomon C. Stinson.

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

Presented this fifth day of April A. D. 2017

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary