



## **DR. STEVE GALLON III RECOGNIZES DISTRICT 1 ADOPT-A-SCHOOL COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

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At the January 17 School Board meeting, Dr. Steve Gallon III recognized the District 1 Adopt-A-School Community Partners.

The Miami-Dade County Public Schools values, embraces, and appreciates the active involvement of community stakeholders in the education of our students and improvement of our schools and community. In fact, research shows that student and school success are often linked to effective and measurable collaborations between the school, the home, and the community.

As a result, an Adopt-A-School Initiative to establish and implement intentional and strategic partnerships with schools in District 1 was launched in District 1 in January 2017. Since its commencement, the Adopt-A-School Initiative has actively involved the faith-based

community in investing its time, talent, and treasures in the education of students, improvement of schools, and betterment of surrounding communities. These efforts are done through approaches and strategies that include but are not limited to mentoring, student and teacher recognition incentives, donations, and related resources and support.

The following faith and community based organizations being recognized have successfully participated and dedicated invaluable time, talent, and/or treasures to education and motivation of students, the improvement of student learning and achievement in schools, and to the active, positive engagement of community assets and resources:

**Antioch Baptist Church**  
**The Fountain of New Life**  
**Mt Herman AME Church**  
**New Generation Baptist Church**  
**New Way Fellowship Praise and Worship Center**  
**Bethel Baptist Church**  
**Faith Community Baptist Church**  
**Love Fellowship Ministries**  
**Holy Temple Baptist Church**  
**New Shiloh Baptist Church**  
**Norland United Methodist Church**  
**Miami Garden Mosque**  
**Lending A Helping Hand Foundation**  
**Embracing Girls Foundation**  
**Miami Gardens City Council**  
**Clarendon Services Inc.**  
**Muslim Communities Association of South Florida**

**Rev. Arthur Jackson III, Pastor**  
**Rev. Wayne Lomax, Pastor**  
**Rev. Michael Bouie, Pastor**  
**Rev. Ranzer Thomas, Pastor**  
**Bishop Billie Baskins, Pastor**  
**Dr. Keny Felix, Pastor**  
**Rev. Richard Dunn, Pastor**  
**Bishop Wantworth Heron, Pastor**  
**Rev. Joseph Kelley, Pastor**  
**Rev. D L Powell, Pastor**  
**Rev. Margaret Kartwe, Pastor**  
**Dr. Abdul Hamid Samra, Imam**  
**Mr. Kenny Phillips, CEO**  
**Mrs. Velma Lawrence, CEO**  
**Mr. David Williams, Seat 5**  
**Mr. Clyve Webster, CEO**  
**Dr. Abdul Hamid Samra**  
**Director of Religious Services**

Several Board Members thanked Dr. Gallon for bringing forth the item and spoke to the importance of involving the community in the success of our schools.