

Dr. Marta Pérez, School Board Member

**SUBJECT: THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA JOIN IN RECOGNITION OF MR. SAMUEL J. LOUIS FOR BEING NAMED THE 2021 MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR**

**COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL, & COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

**LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: HIGHLY EFFECTIVE TEACHERS, LEADERS AND STAFF**

On May 11, 2021, the Dade Association of School Administrators (DASA) hosted the 2021 Principal of the Year and Assistant Principal of the Year Virtual Recognition Ceremony, Soaring to New Heights to name and celebrate its 2021 award recipient. Mr. Samuel J. Louis, Assistant Principal at John A. Ferguson Senior High School, was awarded this prestigious recognition for his outstanding career as an educator and leader at his school.

Samuel Joseph Louis, born in Port-Au-Prince, Haiti, immigrated to the United States in 1983 as his parents had high hopes of providing a more favorable future for their children.

As a proud product of the Miami-Dade County Public School District, this Charger graduated from North Miami Beach Senior High School in 2000. He attended Florida International University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education.

He then began his teaching career at Ojus Elementary School and soon thereafter, wanting to make ripples in the ocean, transferred to Hibiscus Elementary School. There, he set sail on a six-year journey to help the school rise above “C” level. This was accomplished twice with a grade of “A” while simultaneously working on a Master of Science in Educational Computing and Technology from Barry University in 2006.

As the sun set on his decorated teaching career, he utilized his zeal, skill, and will to serve as one of two district grant funded Academic Deans while concurrently serving as the Positive Behavior Support and Math/Science Transformational Coach at Jesse J. McCrary, Jr. Elementary School. There, he built capacity through ongoing, job embedded professional development, rigorous standards-based instruction, positive behavior support, and innovative strategies that brought further recognition to his work. As a result, the school grade increased from an “F” to three consecutive years of a “C,” all while leading a young family as a devoted husband to his supportive wife and fathering two beautiful daughters and earning a Specialist in Educational Leadership from Florida International University in 2013.

In 2014, he was promoted as the Assistant Principal of Van E. Blanton Elementary School, where he served faithfully for four years, creating new initiatives, promoting parental involvement, increasing student achievement, and ultimately improving the school grade from a “D” to a “C”.

Embracing a new challenge in 2018 as a high school administrator, Mr. Louis became the newest addition to the dynamic leadership team at John A. Ferguson Senior High School. It is here that his eclectic array of experiences of working in the urban core were maximized allowing him to further develop as an educational leader helping Ferguson maintain its “A” for the past three years.

Mr. Louis is a well-rounded, invaluable, and relatable asset that contributes to Ferguson being a World Class School. Mr. Samuel J. Louis is an outstanding administrator and is where World Class begins. Mr. Louis reach goes beyond the school, and this award is a testament to his passion and commitment to his school.

This item does not appear in the regular published agenda. There is good cause to vary from the published agenda in order to timely and properly recognize the outstanding achievement of the educator honored herein.

This item has been reviewed and approved by the School Board Attorneys’ Office as to form and legal sufficiency.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
DR. MARTA PÉREZ:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognize Mr. Samuel J. Louis for being named the 2021 Miami-Dade County Public Schools Assistant Principal of the Year.