

RESOLUTION Neighborhood Policy

MEMBERS OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS BOARD OF EDUCATION PRESENT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION REGARDING SCHOOLS ENGAGING NEIGHBORHOODS THAT CAN SUPPORT LEARNING, RESOURCES, AND LABOR MARKET ACUMEN BY ADOPTING A NEIGHBORHOOD POLICY WHICH ENCOURAGES COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR THE CHILDREN OF THESE VIRGIN ISLANDS...

WHEREAS, the children of the Virgin Islands live in communities that help to shape their values, morals and behavior and

WHEREAS, the academic, social and labor market knowledge is affected by the neighborhood's commercial stability, vibrancy and connection to the school, and

WHEREAS, the Virgin Islands community is affected by the instructional and developmental goals of the schools, and

WHEREAS, schools are an integral part of the future of the Virgin Islands, and

WHEREAS, their learning, early childhood and adolescent development is dependent on academic, and social development is dependent on yearly goals and progress reports, and

WHEREAS, some neighborhood businesses are in close proximity to schools, and benefit from interaction with faculty, staff and students and

WHEREAS, schools and businesses must collaborate for the development of economic, health and educational programs that must be implemented in the schools, the Virgin Islands Board of Education's Public-Private Liaison Committee recommends the following "Neighborhood" Policy.

- School should provide businesses (Neighbors) that are in close proximity to the school a copy of its vision, mission, and yearly goals at the beginning of the school year.
- Schools should facilitate a meeting to discuss the action goals and provide a tour of the school,

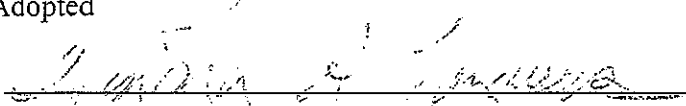
- Schools should facilitate a meeting to discuss the year's accomplishments and successes at the end of the school year,
- Schools may have other business partners or "adopt a school" friends who are entitled to the same sharing of school goals and milestones.
- Schools will provide a quarterly report indicating the number of businesses engaged with the school and the specific area(s) or goals the businesses are assisting with and how the assistance is beneficial,
- Schools will recognize and include the neighborhood during American Education Week and other positive events.
- Schools should document school participation of businesses by pictures, posters and signage which indicate their participation. Displaying businesses' signs or posters does not indicate knowledge of business financial, hiring or employment practices or procedures.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Virgin Islands Board of Education adopts the recommendations to incorporate and collaborate with the public, private and commercial communities in this endeavor to join forces and thereby build a cohesive and positive educational environment for the children of the Virgin Islands.

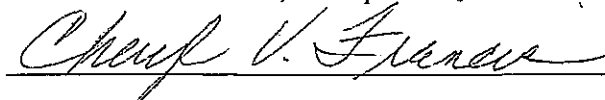
September 26, 2009

Date Adopted

Attest



Winona A. Hendricks, Chairperson



Cheryl V. Francis, Secretary