



Sun Prairie Area School District

Futures depend on us...every child, every day.

Proclamation

Whereas, the 100 Black Men organization was born in New York City in 1963, when a diverse group of concerned and successful African American men began to meet to explore ways of improving conditions in their communities; and

Whereas, they envisioned an organization that would implement programs designed to improve the quality of life for African Americans and other minorities; and

Whereas, these members were successful black men from various walks of life who decided to pool their skills and experiences to ensure the future of their communities by aiming an intense number of resources toward youth development and eventually adopted the name 100 Black Men, Inc., among the founders being David Dinkins, Livingston Wingate, Andrew Hatcher, and Jackie Robinson; and

Whereas, in 1986, the nine successful chapters met and voted to create 100 Black Men of America, Inc. as a national confederation, growing to 100 chapters nationwide, and more than 10,000 members. The Board of Directors consists of the presidents of the local chapters and for the past four decades, chapters across the nation have touched the lives of over 60,000 young people; and

Whereas, 100 Black Men of Madison, Inc. began its operation in 1994 and was incorporated in 1995 as a nonprofit organization comprised of members from many professional disciplines in the greater Madison area. The Madison chapter was established with the concept that it would make a positive difference in the lives of area youth, especially African American males, through mentoring, education, health and wellness, and economic development programs. 100 Black Men of Madison, Inc. is an affiliate of 100 Black Men of America, Inc.; and

Whereas, the 100 Black Men of Madison offers programing available to the Upper Middle School and High School students of the Sun Prairie Area School District including, but not limited to, *The 100 Scholars Program*, developed for students who have

demonstrated evidence of high performance capability in intellectual, creative, artistic, leadership, or specific academic areas which need services or activities not ordinarily provided in a regular school program in order to fully develop such capabilities, *Christmas For Children With Responsibilities*, which provides resources for students who are household wage-earners and caregivers for their siblings and/or their own children during the holiday season, *The 100 Black Men of Madison Democracy Project*, a program designed to equip the youth of our community with the knowledge, exposure and experiences necessary so that members of "All" populations clearly understand their rights, responsibilities, and the electoral process, and *Solutions, A Multigenerational Approach*, a program designed to foster dialog of cooperation for today and tomorrow involving diverse voices in a project task force entirely composed of area African American High School students who are members of their school's Black Student Union and African American Police Officers who are members of the Madison Police Department, Black Officer Coalition. Each of these programs offers the students of the Sun Prairie Area School District unique opportunities, resources, supports, mentorships, and/or scholarships.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Sun Prairie Area School District expresses its gratitude to the 100 Black Men of Madison, Inc. for their unwavering support of the children in our community, our students of color, and particularly young Black men and women. The Sun Prairie Community is better because of the selfless work of this organization and we look forward to many more years of partnership.



Steve Schroeder, President
Board of Education