

GLASSBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board Action Request

Date Submitted: **3/22/2022** Proposed Effective Date: **3/22/2022** Grade(s) impacted: **9-12**

Name:	Position/Item:	Submitted By: Dr. Stowman-Burke	Building: High School
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Proposed cost/amount: No cost to the district	Funded through:	Hours/Days per wk.:	Benefits: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Personnel:

Is candidate currently employed by District: No Yes (If yes, what position:)

Is candidate a former employee: No Yes N/A

Check references/review district personnel file? No Yes N/A

Board Action Requested:

Request to have Lij Tafari Tswango Sr. speak to Ms. Guiliani's English class. The class just finished reading *Night*, and Mr. Lij Tafari Tswango's will address overcoming struggles in society, by sharing the various situations that he has encountered. He will also address strategies he employed to overcome his struggles. His story is relevant to society today and the current issues teens face in our community. The presentation is correlated to themes addressed in the text.

Additional Info - Lij Tafari Tswago Sr., commonly known as Chocky is the founder and President of New Soles, Inc. He grew up in the Centerville section of Camden, where he was raised by a single mother. His passion for helping the youth stems from his own turbulent journey as a youth. At the age of 18, Chocky served time in prison. Upon his release, he worked diligently to get acclimated back into society. Getting his footing back into the workforce, Chocky worked in the social services field for over 6 years. It was after that time period, he decided to start an organization that would help at-risk youth, providing them with mentorship and new footwear (which trying to get a pair of Jordan's catapulted him into the street life) in hopes of them not traveling the path he did. Chocky, is also co-owner of a photography company that focuses on Weddings and E-Commerce photography. He also holds free workshops to teach underserved children the basics of photography. He's been mentoring since the birth of New Soles in 2016. New Soles is a preferred program for the Camden County Juvenile Probation Department. He also holds monthly mentoring groups in East Camden at the community center.

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Board Date: _____

Approved: Y or N

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