

Sale of Double Oaks – CALL TO ACTION

- Double Oaks (DO) was one of our facilities closed when the economy tanked.
- Current administration has demonstrated no intent to reopen any of our 5 Pre-K facilities so DO was put on the surplus list which put it up for sale.
- When DO was a Pre-K facility, there was also a lot of community outreach was provided and many organizations used DO for meetings.
- Prince Hall Masons currently lease DO, provide community outreach and the facilities continue to be used for meetings.
- Prince Hall Masons have been notified that their lease will not be renewed in January, 2017 in preparation for the sale of the property.
- The money from the sale of OUR asset will be used to purchase property in other communities while our pre-school children continue to languish on the wait list and enter Kindergarden not ready to learn.
- While I am sure that the sale of DO will net CMS a considerable amount of money now, considering the gentrification of this area, delaying the sale of this prime property will most certainly sell for much more in the future.
- More importantly, when asked about the number of Pre-K students CMS serves now, the current administration has repeatedly indicated that we currently serve the same number of students in the elementary schools that include Pre-K that we served when our Pre-K facilities were closed.
- As we all know, CMS serves many for families with children now than we did 10 years ago which means it is OUR children who represent the ever growing waiting list of children who are not being served.
- The students do speak English as a second language go to the top of the list when the enrollment for Pre-school seats are determined.
- This is a **CALL TO ACTION!!** It is time for our voices to be heard in objection to the sale of this property. **It is not too late to save this property for our children.**
- If for no other reason, this sale needs to be postponed to give the NEXT administration a chance to determine whether or not re-opening of our Pre-K facilities is a priority on their agenda. Contact school board members, County Commissioners via email, phone calls, letters & speaking at their meetings either individually or as a group. Thank you.