

Dr. Louis Robison **Professional Vita**

Louis Robison is currently the president and CEO of the LAYR Group, Inc. He served as Executive Director of School Improvement and Accountability for the Manatee County School District in Bradenton, Florida before retiring from education in 2012. Prior to retirement, he served as principal/educator for over thirty years at the middle and high school levels including Director of Middle Schools at the district level. In addition, he has experience in providing administrative leadership for educational programs in prisons for youth offenders.

He completed his bachelor's degree with distinction from Florida A&M University in history and education, earned a master's at Fisk University in Middle Period American History and African American Studies and completed his doctorate from the University of South Florida in Education Leadership in 1996. Among his conference presentations have been "*Multi-Age Teaming for Middle Schoolers*", "*Non-Traditional Teaming: The Multi-age Continuous Progress Model*", "*Block Scheduling and Teaming as Strategies for At-Risk Youth*", and "*Collaboration and Sustainability for 21st Century Community Learning Centers*".

Some of Dr. Robison's research and evaluation activities include gathering, analyzing and synthesizing data as part of the evaluation team for the Florida Extended School Year Project; the Florida Literacy and Reading Excellence (FLaRE) Program; Comprehensive School Reform Demonstration Projects in Florida, South Carolina, and North Carolina, and Georgia Reads. He currently serves on the team of scholars for the Looking for Angola Project.

He has been recognized along with his late wife, Yvette, with the Freedom Award for education and community service by the Sarasota chapter of the NAACP. IN addition to his professional organizations and affiliations, he is a member of Metro Board of Directors for the Sarasota YMCA. He is the father of four children; Louis Aundra, Shoneji Loraine, Carta Harlii and Maureik Flemon. All graduates of the Sarasota County School System.