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For Immediate Release:

MR. JOHNSON'S MUSIC ROOM

RELEASES FIRST CD: FIO (FIGURE IT OUT!)

WASHINGTON, D.C. (September 5th, 2017) – Mr. Johnson's Music Room, featuring Darrell Johnson (www.mrjmr.com) is pleased to announce the release of its first CD, *FIO (Figure It Out!)*. This K-thru-5 educational music CD features songs focusing on children's academic, emotional, ethical and moral development.

Darrell Johnson who wrote, arranged, and produced the project, said “I wanted to create a music CD that would be fun and entertaining, but would also provide strong educational and emotional support for children, teachers and parents.” This K-thru-5 music CD contains 12 songs that focus on subjects like reading, writing and arithmetic, nutrition, kindness, friendship, anti-bullying, respect, and what makes a person smart. The music is fun, quirky, and stylistically diverse, ranging from Hip-Hop, Blues, R&B and Latin, to Classical, Jazz, Folk, Caribbean, and World Music.

One song in particular, the *X Factor (Multiplication Table)*, is designed to help kids struggling with multiplication. Kids can learn multiplication through Hip-Hop. Practicing the song along with individual practice modules available on the MRJMR website (www.mrjmr.com/multiplication-challenge), kids can take the Multiplication Challenge. “If they learn the song they'll know the table.” said Darrell Johnson. Other important songs on the CD include *The Friendship Song*, which shows the importance of working through conflicts and still remain friends, and *Wanna Do, Wanna Be*, the anti-bullying song.

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Darrell Johnson has been a professional musician for many years. He's had the privilege of working with such notable artists as Jaco Pastorius, the late great bass player with fusion band Weather Report, Patato Valdez, renowned Latin percussionist, JVC recording artist Carmen Lundy, the late Chuck Brown, Go-Go groups Rare Essence and EU, and the Parliament Funkadelic horn section. In 1988 he co-wrote and co-produced a Washington, D.C. regional Go-Go hit called "D.C. Don't Stand for Dodge City" sung by Chuck Brown, Sugar Bear of EU, and other notable Go-Go artists. He's also worked directly with groups including Peaches and Herb, LDE, and Namesake. Darrell has composed and produced industrial music for radio and TV, and worked extensively with BET on some of their earlier programming music.

To hear more from this new and uniquely relevant CD, please go to www.mrjmr.com.

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