

Dr. Marta Pérez, Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 02-44 OF
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
FLORIDA, HONORING THE PEACE SEEKERS, A PROBLEM
SOLVING TEAM FROM EVERGLADES K-8 CENTER, FOR
ITS OUTSTANDING SUCCESS IN ODYSSEY OF THE MIND
COMPETITIONS**

**COMMITTEE: ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION AND
SCHOOL OPERATIONS**

Odyssey of the Mind is an effort to encourage students to think creatively, divergently and "out-of-the-box" when seeking solutions to problems. At Everglades K-8 Center, the effort clearly has been successful.

The school's Peace Seekers, a remarkable problem solving team, competed successfully in three Odyssey of the Mind competitions. Its success culminated in placing third in the 2002 World Champions, Division I, Problem Solution category of the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals. This significant achievement can be attributed to the team's commitment, dedication and many hours of hardwork and practice as well as to skillful coaching .

In the world finals, the Peace Seekers competed against thirty-five other teams from across the United States and thirteen from other countries. To take third place in this competition was an outstanding accomplishment. Therefore, it is appropriate that the School Board recognize the team for its determination, for always performing at its very best and for competing successfully in Odyssey of the Mind competitions.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida,
DR. MARTA PÉREZ: approve Resolution No. 02-44 of The School Board of
Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring the Peace Seekers,
a problem solving team from Everglades K-8 Center, for
its outstanding success in Odyssey of the Mind
competitions.**

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HONORING THE PEACE SEEKERS, A PROBLEM SOLVING TEAM FROM
EVERGLADES K-8 CENTER, FOR ITS OUTSTANDING SUCCESS IN ODYSSEY OF
THE MIND COMPETITIONS

WHEREAS, The Peace Seekers is a remarkable problem solving team from Everglades K-8 Center; and

WHEREAS, The Peace Seekers participated in the Odyssey of the Mind Regional Competition held March 2, 2002, in Key Largo, Florida, where it competed against nine other teams and was named the second place winner in the Division I, Problem Solution category; and

WHEREAS, The Peace Seekers participated for the second consecutive year in the Florida Odyssey of the Mind State Competition held April 13, 2002, in Orlando, Florida, where it competed against seventeen other teams and was named the 2002 Florida State Champions Division I, Problem Solution category; and

WHEREAS, The Peace Seekers participated in the 2002 Odyssey of the Mind World Finals Competition held from May 22-25, 2002, in Boulder, Colorado, where it competed against forty-nine other teams from across the United States and three teams from other countries and was named third place winner in the 2002 World Champions Division I, Problem Solution category; and

WHEREAS, The Peace Seekers outstanding accomplishments are the result of Miami-Dade County Public Schools' fine educational programs, excellent coaching and each individual team member's hardwork and tenacity;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 02-44 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring the Peace Seekers, a problem solving team from Everglades K-8 Center, for its outstanding success in Odyssey of the Mind competitions.

Presented this twentieth day of November, A.D. 2002

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary