

Dr. Solomon C. Stinson, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 08-69 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, CONGRATULATING THE EDISON PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHESS TEAM ON THEIR CO-CHAMPIONSHIP AT THE 2008 NATIONAL BURT LERNER ELEMENTARY (K-6) CHAMPIONSHIP

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE STUDENT SOCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

The Edison Park Elementary School chess team and coaches Webber Charles, A.J. Warco and Holly Warco traveled to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to participate in the 2008 National Burt Lerner Elementary (K-6) Championship. The tournament, considered a top national event, was held May 9-11, 2008. After a come-from-behind effort, the team tied for first place with The Philadelphia School in the K-6 category for schools with fewer than 1,000 students. The Edison Park Elementary School chess team was the only inner-city chess team from South Florida to participate in the tournament.

In addition to national, regional and district championships, Edison Park Elementary School remains undefeated in the Professional Chess Services Grand Prix, a year-long league for the 2007-08 season. The members of the Edison Park Elementary School team demonstrated championship behavior, having conducted themselves with poise, dignity, and class. Principal Yecenia M. Martinez, the coaching staff, and players are to be applauded for their perseverance, hard work, and commitment to excellence.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. SOLOMON C. STINSON:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 08-69 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, congratulating the Edison Park Elementary School chess team on their Co-Championship at the 2008 National Burt Lerner Elementary (K-6) Championship.

**RESOLUTION NO. 08-69
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
CONGRATULATING THE EDISON PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHESS TEAM
ON THEIR CO-CHAMPIONSHIP AT THE 2008 NATIONAL BURT LERNER
ELEMENTARY (K-6) CHAMPIONSHIP**

WHEREAS, Coaches Webber Charles, A.J. Warco and Holly Warco, and the Edison Park Elementary School chess team traveled to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to participate in the 2008 National Burt Lerner Elementary (K-6) Championship; and

WHEREAS, the chess team tied for first place in the tournament after a come-from-behind effort; and

WHEREAS, the Edison Park Elementary School chess team was the only inner-city chess team from South Florida to participate in the tournament; and

WHEREAS, Edison Park Elementary School remains undefeated in the Professional Chess Services Grand Prix, a year-long league; and

WHEREAS, not only did the members of the Edison Park Elementary School team prove that they are champions, they also demonstrated championship behavior, having conducted themselves with poise, dignity, and class; and

WHEREAS, Principal Yecenia M. Martinez, the coaching staff, and players are to be applauded for their perseverance, hard work, and commitment to excellence;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 08-69 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, congratulating the Edison Park Elementary School chess team on their Co-Championship at the 2008 National Burt Lerner Elementary (K-6) Championship.

A copy of this resolution is placed in the permanent records of this Board.

Presented this eighteenth day of June, A.D. 2008

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary