

Dr. Wilbert "Tee" Holloway, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-30 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE NORWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHESS TEAM FOR RANKING EIGHTH AT THE GRADE LEVEL NATIONAL CHESS TOURNAMENT AT DISNEY WORLD

COMMITTEE: SCHOOL SUPPORT ACCOUNTABILITY

LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: DEVELOP OUR STUDENTS SO THEY ARE ABLE TO SUCCESSFULLY COMPETE IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMY

The Norwood Elementary School Chess Team has a winning tradition, having won 67 trophies in the past six years. Last December, the young players participated in the Grade Level National Chess Tournament at Disney World, joining more than 1,200 chess players nationwide. The second grade team was ranked eighth in the nation.

The Norwood Elementary School chess team continued its winning streak at the Miami International Chess Association's Scholastic Grand Prix. The students brought home first place trophies in the K-1, K-3 and K-5 divisions. In addition to the Grand Prix, the team had two third place honors as well as a fourth place finish at the 2009 Florida State Scholastic Championship.

The Norwood Elementary School chess team has demonstrated dedication in preparing for their tournaments. Students practice three to five hours a week. In addition to the rigorous practice schedule, they also raised thousands of dollars to enter the competitions.

Playing chess is an excellent way for students to strengthen problem-solving and math skills as well as to boost self-esteem and foster good sportsmanship. Miami-Dade County Public Schools champions clubs and extracurricular activities that support academic programs.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. WILBERT "TEE" HOLLOWAY:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-30 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Norwood Elementary School Chess Team for ranking eighth at the Grade Level National Chess Tournament at Disney World

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-30
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING THE NORWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHESS TEAM FOR
RANKING EIGHTH AT THE GRADE LEVEL NATIONAL CHESS TOURNAMENT AT
DISNEY WORLD**

WHEREAS, the Norwood Elementary School Chess Team has a winning tradition, having won 67 trophies in the past six years; and

WHEREAS, last December, the young players participated in the Grade Level National Chess Tournament at Disney World where they joined more than 1,200 chess players from across the nation; and

WHEREAS, the Norwood Elementary School chess team has demonstrated dedication in preparing for their tournaments by practicing three to five hours a week; and

WHEREAS, playing chess is an excellent way for students to strengthen problem-solving and math skills as well as to boost self-esteem and foster good sportsmanship; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools champions clubs and extracurricular activities that support academic programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-30 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Norwood Elementary School Chess Team for ranking eighth at the Grade Level National Chess Tournament at Disney World.

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

Presented this twenty-fifth day of March, A.D. 2009

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary