

Ms. Susie V. Castillo, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 13-075 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING YOUTH CRIME WATCH OF MIAMI-DADE FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO PROMOTING NON-VIOLENCE AND RECOGNIZING THE WINNERS OF THE YOUTH CRIME WATCH OF MIAMI-DADE'S ANNUAL POSTER & ESSAY CONTEST

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: EDUCATION

Each year, Youth Crime Watch of Miami-Dade provides dozens of schools across our county with enriching presentations about safety and crime prevention in our schools and communities. Their work plays a critical role in helping to keep our school environments safe and free of violence. Youth Crime Watch's various programs and initiatives help our students develop leadership skills and promote literacy and creativity. An example of one such initiative is their annual Youth Crime Watch Poster & Essay Contest.

The winners of this year's contest are listed below:

Contest	Level	Place	Student	School	Grade
Essay	Elementary Level 1 (K-2)	1	Daniel Ramirez	South Hialeah Elementary	2nd
Essay	Elementary Level 1 (K-2)	2	Marlon Gonzalez	South Hialeah Elementary	2nd
Essay	Elementary Level 1 (K-2)	3	Maria Martinez	South Hialeah Elementary	2nd
Essay	Elementary Level 2 (3-5)	1	Kaitlyn Bernal	Eugenia B. Thomas K-8	4th
Essay	Elementary Level 2 (3-5)	2	Pierre Hawkins	Eugenia B. Thomas K-8	5th
Essay	Elementary Level 2 (3-5)	3	Jonathan Oliva	Frances S. Tucker Elementary	5th
Essay	Middle School (6-8)	1	Laura Cabezas	Everglades K-8 Center	8th
Essay	Middle School (6-8)	2	Estefania Victorero	Zelda Glazer Middle	8th
Essay	Middle School (6-8)	3	Cameron Behar	Ruth Broad/Bay Harbor K-8	7th
Essay	Senior High (9-12)	1	Hector Sanchez	Jose Marti MAST Academy	10th
Essay	Senior High (9-12)	2	Yenny Dieguez	Jose Marti MAST Academy	10th
Essay	Senior High (9-12)	3	Stephan Gonzalez	Jose Marti MAST Academy	10th

Contest	Level	Place	Student	School	Grade
Poster	Elementary Level 1 (K-2)	1	Andria Ruiz	Ojus Elementary	Kindergarten
Poster	Elementary Level 1 (K-2)	2	Aracelys Bravo	South Hialeah Elementary	2nd
Poster	Elementary Level 1 (K-2)	3	Rickie Campbell	Brentwood Elementary	3rd
Poster	Elementary Level 2 (3-5)	1	Kaitlyn Bernal	Eugenia B. Thomas K-8	4th
Poster	Elementary Level 2 (3-5)	2	Cristina Lopez	Oliver Hoover Elementary	4th
Poster	Elementary Level 2 (3-5)	3	Ethan Shim	Oliver Hoover Elementary	4th
Poster	Middle School (6-8)	1	Astrid DePaz	Jose Marti Middle	8th
Poster	Middle School (6-8)	2	Amanda Diaz	Frank C. Martin Inter. K-8	8th
Poster	Middle School (6-8)	3	Jonet Stubbs	Richmond Heights Middle	7th
Poster	Senior High (9-12)	1	Iden Pena	Jose Marti MAST Academy	10th
Poster	Senior High (9-12)	2	Juan Maquilon	Jose Marti MAST Academy	10th
Poster	Senior High (9-12)	3	Williams Garcia	Jose Marti MAST Academy	10th

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. SUSIE V. CASTILLO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 13-075 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Youth Crime Watch of Miami-Dade for their commitment to promoting non-violence and recognizing the winners of the Youth Crime Watch of Miami-Dade's Annual Poster & Essay Contest.

**RESOLUTION NO. 13-075
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING YOUTH CRIME WATCH OF MIAMI-DADE FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO
PROMOTING NON-VIOLENCE AND RECOGNIZING THE WINNERS OF THE YOUTH
CRIME WATCH OF MIAMI-DADE'S ANNUAL POSTER & ESSAY CONTEST**

WHEREAS, Youth Crime Watch of Miami-Dade County partnered with Miami-Dade County Public Schools in 1979 to help educate young people on the topics of crime prevention, drug abuse, school safety, and community pride; and

WHEREAS, since the creation of this partnership, more than 800,000 Miami-Dade County public school students have received the tools, guidance, and information necessary to reduce crime in their schools and communities; and

WHEREAS, Youth Crime Watch of Miami-Dade's program now serves as a national and international model for communities across the country to encourage and promote youth involvement in preventing school violence; and

WHEREAS, today the program continues to educate students on the prevention of school violence, drug use, bullying, and crime, through a number of initiatives including their annual Youth Crime Watch Poster & Essay Contest; and

WHEREAS, this year's contest resulted in the participation of 30 schools, yielding over 100 entries, with the theme: 'Helping My School Always Be Weapon-Free'; and

WHEREAS, through initiatives like the poster and essay contest, Youth Crime Watch of Miami-Dade County, not only promotes non-violence, but also promotes literacy and creativity;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 13-075 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Youth Crime Watch of Miami-Dade for their commitment to promoting non-violence and recognizing the winners of the Youth Crime Watch of Miami-Dade's Annual Poster & Essay Contest.

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

Presented this eighth day of May, A.D. 2013

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary