

Dr. Wilbert "Tee" Holloway, Board Member

**SUBJECT:                   REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 13-083 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, CONGRATULATING STUDENTS FROM NORWOOD ELEMENTARY CHESS TEAM FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AT THE NATIONAL CHESS COMPETITION IN NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**COMMITTEE:               INSTRUCTIONAL       EXCELLENCE       AND       COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:           EDUCATION**

The Norwood Elementary School chess team has a long tradition of triumphs. The team has won more than 50 national and state awards, including two state championships, and five consecutive District Championships since 2008. The team is currently ranked in several top 10 National rankings and is the only elementary school team in Florida to be ranked in the top 5 National Blitz Teams.

Last November, the Norwood Elementary School chess team, and reigning Florida State Champions, traveled to Orlando to compete in the Grade-Level National Tournament. The team was awarded 12 national trophies. The chess team continued its winning streak at the Super National Competition in Nashville, Tennessee, where they competed against 5,300 students from across the nation.

Students brought home first place trophies in K-3 and K-6 divisions. The Blitz team placed 8<sup>th</sup> in the K-6 division, while the 4<sup>th</sup>- and 5<sup>th</sup>-grade teams placed 13<sup>th</sup> in the nation in the K-9 division. The K-1 team placed 16<sup>th</sup> in open section and was the only team from Florida to make the top 20. Two K-3 teams – one unrated – placed 26<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> respectively, and were the only public school teams from Florida to receive a trophy.

The Norwood Elementary School chess team has demonstrated dedication in preparing for their tournaments. Students practice three to five hours a week. 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. 13-083 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, congratulating students from Norwood Elementary chess team for their outstanding performance at the national chess competition in Nashville, Tennessee.

**Replacement  
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THEIR OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE AT THE NATIONAL CHESS COMPETITION  
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**WHEREAS**, Norwood Elementary School chess team has a long tradition of triumphs. The team has won more than 50 national and state awards, including two state championships, and five consecutive District Championships since 2008.; and

**WHEREAS**, last November, the Norwood Elementary School chess team, and reigning Florida State Champions, traveled to Orlando to compete in the Grade-Level National Tournament. The team was awarded 12 national trophies; and

**WHEREAS**, the chess team continued its winning streak at the Super National Competition in Nashville, Tennessee, where they competed against 5,300 students from across the nation; and

**WHEREAS**, students brought home first place trophies in K-3 and K-6 divisions. The Blitz team placed 8<sup>th</sup> in the K-6 division, while the 4<sup>th</sup>- and 5<sup>th</sup>-grade teams placed 13<sup>th</sup> in the nation in the K-9 division. The K-1 team placed 16<sup>th</sup> in open section and was the only team from Florida to make the top 20. Two K-3 teams – one unrated – placed 26<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> respectively, and were the only public school teams from Florida to receive a trophy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Norwood Elementary School chess team has demonstrated dedication in preparing for their tournaments. Students practice 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. 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. 13-083 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, congratulating students from Norwood Elementary chess team for their outstanding performance at the national chess competition in Nashville, Tennessee.

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

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary