

Mr. Carlos L. Curbelo, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 14-042 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE STUDENTS AND TEACHERS AT SCHOOL FOR ADVANCED STUDIES KENDALL CAMPUS

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: STUDENT, PARENT, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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"We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution," sponsored by the Center for Civic Education, is a yearly competition involving high school students from throughout the United States. The national finals simulates a congressional hearing and is held at George Mason University and in congressional hearing rooms on Capitol Hill. Each class is divided into six units, each composed of three to five students. Each unit focuses on a particular area of Constitutional interest - from the philosophical underpinnings and Constitutional Convention to the Bill of Rights and modern day implications.

The SAS Kendall campus's "We the People" team was initiated three years ago by Principal Omar Monteagudo and is comprised of the Constitutional law class taught by Dr. Derrick Johnson with assistance from AP English teacher Maria Ruiz-Legg. Students build their self-confidence and life skills through public speaking, research, teamwork and critical thinking.

SAS Kendall's team will represent the state of Florida at the national competition, which will be held in Fairfax, Virginia on April 26 to 29, 2014.

The School Board commends the School for Advanced Studies Kendall Campus' "We the People" team and sponsors, Dr. Monteagudo, Dr. Johnson and Ms. Ruiz-Legg for their outstanding accomplishment.

Good cause exists to vary from the published agenda because this meeting presents the last opportunity to recognize the School for its accomplishment before moving to the next level of competition.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MR. CARLOS L. CURBELO:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 14-042 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the students and teachers at School for Advanced Studies Kendall Campus.

**Good Cause
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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING THE STUDENTS AND TEACHERS AT SCHOOL FOR ADVANCED STUDIES
KENDALL CAMPUS**

WHEREAS, this past January, the "We the People" team at School for Advanced Studies (SAS) Kendall Campus was chosen to represent Florida's 26th Congressional District in the state competition held at Barry University's School of Law in Orlando; and

WHEREAS, the SAS Kendall team competed against teams from each of Florida's 27 congressional districts to win first place and earn the title of 2014 State Champions; and

WHEREAS, "We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution," sponsored by the Center for Civic Education, is a yearly competition involving high school students from throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, the SAS Kendall campus's "We the People" team was initiated three years ago by Principal Omar Monteagudo and is comprised of the Constitutional law class taught by Dr. Derrick Johnson with assistance from AP English teacher Maria Ruiz-Legg; and

WHEREAS, students build their self-confidence and life skills through public speaking, research, teamwork and critical thinking; and

WHEREAS, the School Board commends the School for Advanced Studies Kendall Campus' "We the People" team and sponsors, Dr. Monteagudo, Dr. Johnson and Ms. Ruiz-Legg for their outstanding accomplishment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 14-042 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the students and teachers at School for Advanced Studies Kendall Campus.

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

Presented this ninth day of April, A.D. 2014

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary