

Dr. Marta Pérez, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 18-003 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING MR. DALE ADAMSON

COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, INNOVATION, EVALUATION, AND TECHNOLOGY

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: INFORMED, ENGAGED, AND EMPOWERED STAKEHOLDERS

The Milken Educator Award, often referred to as the "Oscars of Teaching" is awarded by the Milken Family Foundation and recognizes outstanding educators in the United States. Mr. Dale Adamson, a STEM teacher at Howard D. McMillan Middle School, was one of 44 educators in the country who received the highly coveted award this year, and the only one in Florida. The recognition also includes a \$25,000 cash prize.

Mr. Adamson's teaching methods emphasize real-world connections. He has been known to climb on the school's rooftop to drop baskets in order to demonstrate scientific principles, and uses everyday occurrences to keep things interesting for his students. His efforts have contributed to remarkable student achievement at Howard D. McMillan that surpasses the state average by 41 percent.

In 2010 Dale Adamson was poised to pursue a career in medicine when he took a position as a substitute teacher. This decision proved to be life-altering. He found teaching so fulfilling and rewarding that he quickly decided that teaching, and not medicine, would be his career.

Dale Adamson is a product of Miami-Dade County Public Schools and subsequently earned degrees from Boston University and Adams State University. In his first year of teaching he received the Superintendent's Award of Excellence and in 2015 was a region finalist for Rookie Teacher of the Year. He plans on using his \$25,000 cash prize to continue his education.

Miami-Dade County Public Schools is fortunate to have educators of the caliber of Mr. Dale Adamson. He is to be commended for his achievements.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. MARTA PÉREZ:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 18-003 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Mr. Dale Adamson for receiving the Milken Educator Award.

**RESOLUTION NO. 18-003
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING DALE ADAMSON**

WHEREAS, the Milken Educator Award, often referred to as the "Oscars of Teaching" is awarded by the Milken Family Foundation and recognizes outstanding educators in the United States. Dale Adamson, a STEM teacher at Howard D. McMillan Middle School, was one of 44 educators in the country who received the highly coveted award this year, and the only one in Florida. The recognition also includes a \$25,000 cash prize; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Adamson's teaching methods emphasize real-world connections. He has been known to climb on the school's rooftop to drop baskets in order to demonstrate scientific principles, and uses everyday occurrences to keep things interesting for his students. His efforts have contributed to remarkable student achievement at Howard D. McMillan that surpasses the state average by 41 percent; and

WHEREAS, in 2010 Dale Adamson was poised to pursue a career in medicine when he took a position as a substitute teacher. This decision proved to be life-altering. He found teaching so fulfilling and rewarding that he quickly decided that teaching, and not medicine, would be his career; and

WHEREAS, Dale Adamson is a product of Miami-Dade County Public Schools and subsequently earned degrees from Boston University and Adams State University. In his first year of teaching he received the Superintendent's Award of Excellence and in 2015 was a region finalist for Rookie Teacher of the Year. He plans on using his \$25,000 cash prize to continue his education; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools is fortunate to have educators of the caliber of Dale Adamson. He is to be commended for his achievements.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 18-003 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Dale Adamson for receiving the Milken Educator Award.

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

Presented this seventeenth day of January, A.D. 2018

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary