

Dr. Steve Gallon III, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 18-026 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING MR. DEREK NEGRON OF CAROL CITY MIDDLE SCHOOL M-DCPS ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR**

**COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

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Mr. Derek Negron is a native Miamian and a product of the Miami-Dade County Public School system. After graduating from Miami Norland Senior High School in 2001, he continued his education and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Miami in 2005, a Master of Science Degree from Barry University in 2008 and an Educational Specialist Degree from Nova Southeastern University in 2013.

Derek, whose name means gifted leader, was employed by Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) in 2005 as a teacher at Barbara Hawkins Elementary School. There, he taught third grade for four years and fifth grade for three years. As a math teacher, ninety-one percent of his students were proficient on the state's standardized test. Wanting to increase the school-wide quality of teaching and learning, he took on the role of Mathematics Instructional Coach in which the math department was recognized by Governor Rick Scott for ranking in the top 3%, in student achievement growth, amongst all schools in the state of Florida.

In 2013, Mr. Negron was 1 of 110 educators in Florida selected to participate in the Florida Turnaround Leaders Program, a two-year fellowship designed to equip school leaders with tools to turnaround fragile schools. Privileged and honored to serve as a leader within Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Mr. Negron, became the Resident Assistant Principal at Jose De Diego Middle School in 2013. As an Assistant Principal, he applied his gift of leadership to school turnaround efforts at two schools - Barbara Hawkins Elementary School, from 2014-2016, and Carol City Middle School from 2016 to present. In 2014, upon being appointed as Assistant Principal, Barbara Hawkins Elementary School was an underperforming school, raking in the lowest 300 elementary schools in the state of Florida. In 2016, Barbara Hawkins improved to a "C" school and in 2017, became an "A" school, ranking in the top 1% in the state in student achievement growth. Carol City Middle School, once a five-time "F" school, in 2017 improved to a "C" school.

Mr. Negron works tirelessly to afford every student the chance to experience daily success – academically, socially and emotionally. Mr. Negron believes this vision of daily success becomes a reality as he spearheads the implementation of school-wide programs that strengthen and revitalize students, educators, the community and all stakeholders. His service is founded upon dedication and excellence. In 2018, Mr. Negron was recognized as Miami-Dade County Public Schools' Assistant Principal of-the-year.

Mr. Negrón is married to his outstanding wife of eleven years, Kimberly. Together they have a two-year-old son named Carter and a daughter, Dilynn due September 2017.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
DR. STEVE GALLON III:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 18-026 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Mr. Derek Negrón of Carol City Middle School for being named M-DCPS Assistant Principal of the Year.

**RESOLUTION NO. 18-026  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING MR. DEREK NEGRON OF CAROL CITY MIDDLE SCHOOL FOR BEING NAMED M-DCPS  
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR**

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Derek Negron is a native Miamian and a product of the Miami-Dade County Public School system. After graduating from Miami Norland Senior High School in 2001, he continued his education and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Miami in 2005, a Master of Science Degree from Barry University in 2008 and an Educational Specialist Degree from Nova Southeastern University in 2013.; and

**WHEREAS**, Derek, whose name means gifted leader, was employed by Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) in 2005 as a teacher at Barbara Hawkins Elementary School. There, he taught third grade for four years and fifth grade for three years. As a math teacher, ninety-one percent of his students were proficient on the state's standardized test. Wanting to increase the school-wide quality of teaching and learning, he took on the role of Mathematics Instructional Coach in which the math department was recognized by Governor Rick Scott for ranking in the top 3%, in student achievement growth, amongst all schools in the state of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2013, he was 1 of 110 educators in Florida selected to participate in the Florida Turnaround Leaders Program, a two-year fellowship designed to equip school leaders with tools to turnaround fragile schools. Privileged and honored to serve as a leader within Miami-Dade County Public Schools, he, became the Resident Assistant Principal at Jose De Diego Middle School in 2013. As an Assistant Principal, he applied his gift of leadership to school turnaround efforts at two schools - Barbara Hawkins Elementary School, from 2014-2016, and Carol City Middle School from 2016 to present. In 2014, upon being appointed as Assistant Principal, Barbara Hawkins Elementary School was an underperforming school, raking in the lowest 300 elementary schools in the state of Florida. In 2016, Barbara Hawkins improved to a "C" school and in 2017, became an "A" school, ranking in the top 1% in the state in student achievement growth. Carol City Middle School, once a five-time "F" school, in 2017 improved to a "C" school; and

**WHEREAS**, he works tirelessly to afford every student the chance to experience daily success – academically, socially and emotionally. He believes this vision of daily success becomes a reality as he spearheads the implementation of school-wide programs that strengthen and revitalize students, educators, the community and all stakeholders. His service is founded upon dedication and excellence. In 2018, he was recognized as Miami-Dade County Public Schools' Assistant Principal of-the-year; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Negron is married to his outstanding wife of eleven years, Kimberly. Together they have a two-year-old son named Carter and a daughter, Dilynn due September 2018.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 18-026 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Mr. Derek Negron of Carol City Middle School for being named M-DCPS Assistant Principal of the Year.

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

**Presented this twenty-fifth day of April, A.D. 2018**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary