Office of School Board Members
Board Meeting of May 16, 2018

April 26, 2018

Ms. Susie V. Castillo, Board Member

SUBJECT: **REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 18-036 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE DORAL ACADEMY PREPARATORY SCHOOL 2017-2018 BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM**

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

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On Saturday, March 10, 2018, the RP Funding Center in Lakeland, Florida played host to the 2018 Class 7A Boys' State Basketball Championship finals. The game featured the Doral Academy Preparatory School Firebirds and the Choctawhatchee High School Indians. With a conversion of four consecutive free throws in the final 12.9 seconds, the Firebirds were able to hold an adamant Indians comeback to earn a 43-34 victory and the title as the 2018 Class 7A State Basketball Champions. The 2017-2018 Boys Varsity Basketball Team has become the first basketball team in the school's history to earn a state championship title.

The Firebirds, whose 2017-2018 record ended in a 32-2, completed their remarkable season with a 21-game winning streak, while holding 20 of their challengers to 45 points or fewer.

In the preseason, the Firebirds won the Championship of the Florida Gulf Coast University High School Team Camp in Fort Myers, Florida. During the season, they won the Championship at the highly competitive Hitchcock's Challenge at Santa Fe High School in in Alachua, Florida and were named Runner Up in the esteemed A-Rod Basketball Classic here in Miami.

The team is led by Head Coach Jorge Fernandez and Assistant Head Coach Michael Hunt who have both been with Doral Academy for the last four years.

Doral Academy Preparatory Academy was established in 1999 in the City of Doral with the vision of setting the standard for outstanding student achievement while providing a safe and nurturing academic environment. Their mission is to prepare students with the academic skills that foster student success in any rigorous educational setting, to perform at or above grade level while instilling a belief in their own efficacy.

ACTION PROPOSED BY MS. SUSIE V. CASTILLO: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida approve Resolution No. 18-036 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Doral Academy Preparatory School 201-2018 Boys Varsity Basketball Team