

Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 18-033 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE SOUTH DADE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM AS STATE CHAMPIONS

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: SAFE, HEALTHY AND SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

The South Dade Senior High School wrestling team has become known as "The Dynasty"; an appropriate moniker for a team winning their 17th consecutive District Championship, 8th consecutive Greater Miami Athletic Conference Championship, 6th consecutive Regional Championship and their 5th consecutive State Championship. The 2018 team State Championship titles are the 13th and the 14th State Championships in school history.

South Dade is the first team in Florida history to win 5 consecutive "Big School" State Championships. In January, the "Bucs" also won the inaugural FHSAA Class 3A Dual Meet State Championship. This is the first time in Miami-Dade County history a team has won 2 team State Championships in the same year. They advanced a county best 13 out of 14 wrestlers to the State Championships and placed 7 of their wrestlers in the finals, 4 of which won individual state titles. 10 out of the 13 state qualifiers made it to the top of the state podium, all placing in the top 4 at state.

The team was led by 3x State Champion, Brevin Balmededa and 2x State Champion, Bretli Reyna, sons of Head Coach Vic Balmededa and Assistant Coach Humberto Reyna. Brevin Balmededa became the first wrestler in Miami-Dade County history to win the Super 32 Challenge. The Super 32 is considered the toughest wrestling tournament in the country. Brevin is currently the #1 ranked junior in the Nation. 12 South Dade wrestlers were named to the Miami Herald's first team All Dade County Wrestling Team. 5 Buccaneers are nationally ranked.

In the past 21 years at South Dade Senior High, Head Wrestling Coach Vic Balmededa has produced 60 individual State Champions, 89 State Place-finishers and has a dual meet record of (380-20). These impressive achievements have been recognized by Wrestling USA Magazine, who ranked the South Dade High School wrestling team as 12th in the nation.

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, commends the South Dade Senior High School Wrestling Team, Head Coach Victor Balmaceda and Principal J.C. DeArmas for their perseverance, dedication, skill and sportsmanship in representing South Dade Senior High School at the highest levels of athletic competition.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. LAWRENCE S. FELDMAN: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 18-033 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the South Dade Senior High Wrestling Team as State Champions.

**RESOLUTION NO. 18-033
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING THE SOUTH DADE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM AS
STATE CHAMPIONS**

WHEREAS, the South Dade Senior High School wrestling team has become known as “The Dynasty”; an appropriate moniker for a team winning their 17th consecutive District Championship, 8th consecutive Greater Miami Athletic Conference Championship, 6th consecutive Regional Championship and their 5th consecutive State Championship. The 2018 team State Championship titles are the 13th and the 14th State Championships in school history; and

WHEREAS, South Dade is the first team in Florida history to win 5 consecutive “Big School” State Championships. In January, the “Bucs” also won the inaugural FHSAA Class 3A Dual Meet State Championship. This is the first time in Miami-Dade County history a team has won 2 team State Championships in the same year. They advanced a county best 13 out of 14 wrestlers to the State Championships and placed 7 of their wrestlers in the finals, 4 of which won individual state titles. 10 out of the 13 state qualifiers made it to the top of the state podium, all placing in the top 4 at state; and

WHEREAS, the team was led by 3x State Champion, Brevin Balmededa and 2x State Champion, Bretli Reyna, sons of Head Coach Vic Balmededa and Assistant Coach Humberto Reyna, respectively. Brevin Balmededa became the first wrestler in Miami-Dade County history to win the Super 32 Challenge. The Super 32 is considered the toughest wrestling tournament in the country. Brevin is currently the #1 ranked junior in the Nation. 12 South Dade wrestlers were named to the Miami Herald’s first team All Dade County Wrestling Team. 5 Buccaneers are nationally ranked; and

WHEREAS, in the past 21 years at South Dade Senior High, Head Wrestling Coach Vic Balmededa has produced 60 individual State Champions, 89 State Place-finishers and has a dual meet record of (380-20). These impressive achievements have been recognized by Wrestling USA Magazine, who ranked the South Dade High School wrestling team as 12th in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, commends the South Dade Senior High School Wrestling Team, Head Coach Victor Balmaceda, and Principal J.C. DeArmas for their perseverance, dedication, skill and sportsmanship in representing South Dade Senior High School at the highest levels of athletic competition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 18-033 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the South Dade Senior High Wrestling Team as State Champions.

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

Presented this sixteenth day of May, A.D. 2018

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary