

Dr. Steve Gallon III, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 18-062 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING JAVAN ALLISON, PUBLISHED AUTHOR OF THE ADVENTURES OF JAVAN AND THE 3 A'S

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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Javan Allison was born in 2008 as a premature baby with several complications. As an infant he was diagnosed with a heart murmur and bronchitis, which later became asthma. Between the ages of one and eight, he had to overcome more than nine surgeries, which included tubes in his ears from a loss of hearing and having his adenoids removed from lack of breathing in his sleep. He has since been in and out of the hospital and on more than one occasion admitted to ICU. Due to his medical complications, Javan was delayed with his speech and motor skills, which affected his education.

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Today, he suffers from severe asthma, ADHD, and anxiety. His last asthma attack was a near-death experience. After defeating the odds, he decided to open up and let the world in by describing how he feels through his writing. Javan's experience with writing developed through spending his summers in a writing camp with the "Page Slayers." It motivated him to pursue writing. With the help of his mom, Monique Cooper and Tyla'Grace Publishing, he co-wrote his first children's book from his three-book series about his disabilities. *#AsthmaSucks* is the first book in the series. He describes how he feels and ways to prevent severe attacks all through imaginary adventures. The next two books soon to be released, will focus on the topics of ADHD and anxiety. Through these books, Javan is bringing awareness to parents who may not know how detrimental this illness can be. His goal is to help children understand their disabilities so they can better communicate how they are feeling. He also wants to help parents in understanding these disabilities from a child's perspective. He is currently a 5th grade student attending Norwood Elementary School.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 18-062 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Javan Allison, Published Author of *The Adventures of Javan and The 3 A's*.

**Revised Replacement
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RESOLUTION NO. 18-062
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING JAVAN ALLISON, PUBLISHED AUTHOR OF THE ADVENTURES OF
JAVAN AND THE 3 A'S

WHEREAS, Javan Allison was born in 2008 as a premature baby with several complications. As an infant he was diagnosed with a heart murmur and bronchitis, which later became asthma. Between the ages of one and eight, he had to overcome over nine surgeries, which included tubes in his ears from a loss of hearing and having his adenoids removed from a lack of breathing in his sleep. He has since been in and out of the hospital and on more than one occasion admitted to ICU; and

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WHEREAS, due to his medical complications, he was delayed with his speech and motor skills, which affected his education. Today he suffers from severe asthma, ADHD and anxiety. His last asthma attack was a near-death experience. After defeating the odds, he decided to open up and let the world in by describing how he feels through his writing; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 18-062 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Javan Allison.

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

Presented this fifth day of September, A.D. 2018

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary