

May 13, 2003

Ms. Betsy H. Kaplan, Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 03-37 OF
THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING CHAT TRAVIESO, A NEW WORLD SCHOOL
OF THE ARTS' SENIOR, FOR BEING NAMED A 2003
PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLAR IN THE ARTS**

Each year thousands of high school seniors from across the United States compete in the National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts Recognition and Talent Search program. It is only through participation in this program that our nation's young men and women who are exceptionally talented artistically, top level students and civic examples in their respective communities can be considered for being named a Presidential Scholar in the Arts.

Therefore, it is a distinct honor for Miami-Dade County Public Schools, and in particular the New World School of the Arts, to have one of its seniors, visual artist Chat Travieso, among only 16 students in the country bestowed with this distinguished designation. These sixteen outstanding performing, visual and literary artists will join the country's 121 academic Presidential Scholars for National Recognition Week, June 21-26, in Washington, D. C. There they will meet with elected representatives, educators, authors, scientists, and other accomplished professionals. The works of the visual arts scholars will be featured in an exhibit at The Kennedy Center's Terrace Gallery.

This item does not appear on the published agenda. The good cause to vary from the agenda exists because this is the last School Board meeting before school closes.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MS. BETSY H. KAPLAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 03-37 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Chat Travieso, a New World School of the Arts' senior for being named a 2003 Presidential Scholar in the Arts.

GOOD CAUSE

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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING CHAT TRAVIESO, A NEW WORLD SCHOOL OF THE ARTS'
SENIOR, FOR BEING NAMED RECIPIENT OF THE 2003 PRESIDENTIAL
SCHOLAR IN THE ARTS**

WHEREAS, in Miami-Dade County Public Schools we are extremely proud of the New World School of the Arts, the quality of education its students receive and the accomplishments of its artistically talented students; and

WHEREAS, each year thousands of talented high school seniors from across the United States compete in the National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts Recognition and Talent Search program for a chance to be named a Presidential Scholar in the Arts; and

WHEREAS, since 1981, the young men and women competing for this honor have been chosen by the White House Commission on Presidential Scholars; and

WHEREAS, this year Chat Travieso, a New World School of the Arts' senior, is one of only 16 students in the nation to be selected for this coveted designation; and

WHEREAS, Chat Travieso will receive the Presidential Scholar in the Arts medallion from the President of the United States in Washington, D. C. in June; and

WHEREAS, the Miami-Dade County School Board firmly believes that supporting young and emerging talent is our best hope for a rich future and wishes to join Chat Travieso's family and friends in congratulating him on being the recipient of this prestigious honor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 03-37 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Chat Travieso, a New World School of the Arts' senior, for being named a 2003 Presidential Scholar in the Arts.

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

Presented this fourteenth day of May, A. D. 2003

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary