

Dr. Wilbert "Tee" Holloway, Board Member

**SUBJECT:                   REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-42 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE SCOTT LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHESS WIZARDS FOR WINNING FIRST PLACE AT THE FLORIDA SUPER STATE CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP**

**COMMITTEE:               SCHOOL SUPPORT ACCOUNTABILITY**

**LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN:   DEVELOP OUR STUDENTS SO THEY ARE ABLE TO SUCCESSFULLY COMPETE IN THE GLOBAL ECONOMY**

The Scott Lake Elementary School Chess Wizards kicked off the new year with a first place team finish at the Florida Super State Chess Championship. The kindergarten and first grade team had a fifth place finish. In addition to their team accomplishments, individual players were also recognized. Students Jamahli Myles and Jabari Capers won first place by winning all six of their matches. Unrated player Tre' Reid received an individual third place trophy. The team was invited to compete in the Super National Tournament in Nashville, Tennessee on April 2-6.

The Wizards boast impressive wins at the national level. Two years ago, the team participated in the National Scholastic K-12 Chess Tournament where they were ranked seventh in the nation. They also received recognition as the Best Performing School at the same event.

The Scott Lake Elementary School Chess Wizards have demonstrated dedication in preparing for their competitions. Students practice three times a week. In addition to the rigorous practice schedule, they also raised thousands of dollars to enter the tournaments.

Playing chess is an excellent way for students to strengthen problem-solving and math skills as well as to boost self-esteem and foster good sportsmanship. Miami-Dade County Public Schools supports clubs and extracurricular activities that enhance academic programs.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
DR. WILBERT "TEE" HOLLOWAY:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-42 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Scott Lake Elementary School Chess Wizards for winning first place at the Florida Super State Chess Championship.

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-42  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING THE SCOTT LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHESS WIZARDS  
FOR WINNING FIRST PLACE AT THE FLORIDA SUPER STATE CHESS  
CHAMPIONSHIP**

**WHEREAS**, the Scott Lake Elementary School Chess Wizards kicked off the new year with a first place finish at the Florida Super State Chess Championship; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to their team accomplishments, Jamahli Myles and Jabari Capers won first place by winning all six of their matches and unrated player Tre' Reid received an individual third place trophy; and

**WHEREAS**, the team was invited to compete in the Super National Tournament in Nashville, Tennessee; and

**WHEREAS**, the Scott Lake Elementary School Chess Wizards have demonstrated dedication in preparing for their tournaments by practicing three hours a week; and

**WHEREAS**, playing chess is an excellent way for students to strengthen problem-solving and math skills as well as to boost self-esteem and foster good sportsmanship;

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 09-42 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Scott Lake Elementary School Chess Wizards for winning first place at the Florida Super State Chess Championship.

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

**Presented this twenty-second day of April, A.D. 2009**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary