

Ms. Raquel A. Regalado, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 11-077
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE U.S. CHESS FEDERATION
NATIONAL CHAMPIONS FROM RIVERSIDE ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
FRAMEWORK: STUDENT, PARENT AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Last month students from Riverside Elementary went to Dallas, Texas to participate in the U.S. Chess Federation National Elementary Championship which was held May 6th through 8th.

After three grueling days of chess competition Anthony Gonzalez, 4th grader, and Kedrick Chirino, 5th grader, accomplished their goal and brought home the championship in their category, K-5 under 900, the first time that Riverside Elementary has won a U.S. Chess Federation National competition.

Founded in 1939 with the merger of the American Chess Federation and the National Chess Federation, the USCF has grown to over 80,000 members and 2,000+ affiliated chess clubs and organizations today.

The Riverside Elementary students' achievement sets an example of what can be accomplished with dedication and hard work and how Chess offers children an educational and intellectually stimulating game which has withstood the test of time.

Today we officially acknowledge the tireless commitment of their coach, Jarvis McClain, the students of Riverside and their parents who are to be commended for their success. We also congratulate Coach McClain who was named the M-DCPS Title I 2010-2011 Coach of the Year.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

MS. RAQUEL A. REGALADO: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-077 recognizing the U.S. Chess Federation National Champions from Riverside Elementary School.

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-077
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING THE U.S. CHESS FEDERATION NATIONAL CHAMPIONS FROM
RIVERSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

WHEREAS, the United States Chess Federation (USCF) is the official, not-for-profit US membership organization for chess players and chess supporters of all ages and strengths; and

WHEREAS, Riverside Elementary students participated and won the USCF Elementary National Championship in the K-5 under 900 category held in Dallas, TX, May 6-8, 2011; and

WHEREAS, students Kedrick Chirino and Anthony Gonzalez won the first ever Chess National Championship for Riverside Elementary under the guidance of Mr. Jarvis McClain, 2010-2011 coach of the year; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County Public Schools encourages participation in team sports and recognizes Chess offers children an educational and intellectually stimulating challenge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-077 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the U.S. Chess Federation National Champions from Riverside Elementary.

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

Presented this fifteenth day of June, A.D. 2011

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary