

Dr. Martin Karp, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 11-078 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING DAVID LAWRENCE, JR. K-8 CENTER FOR AN IMPRESSIVE FINISH AT THE ODYSSEY OF THE MIND WORLD COMPETITION

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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

Created in 1978, the Odyssey of the Mind is an international education program that challenges students in kindergarten through college to find innovative solutions to problems. Teams must find creative ways to solve problems ranging from presenting classic literary interpretations to building mechanical devices. Students must think out of the box while sharpening their problem-solving and critical thinking skills. Teams from across the United States and 25 other countries participate in the program.

This year, the team from David Lawrence, Jr. K-8 Center placed first in the Full Circle Division II at the Tropical region. The team represented the state of Florida and the Tropical region at the world competition, where they placed an impressive 13th out of 62 teams from around the globe.

The Full Circle problem asked students to create and present a humorous performance, where an object must change forms three times before transforming back to its original state. The performance included a song, a dance, a silly character, a serious character and a surprise ending. In addition, the team is responsible for planning, writing, building and presenting their solutions with minimal help from a teacher or coach.

The students and staff of David Lawrence, Jr. K-8 Center are to be commended for their dedication and commitment to academic excellence. Under the leadership of Principal Bernard Osborn, the students of the school benefit from activities that build self-esteem and self-confidence, which allows them to reach new heights of achievement.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. MARTIN KARP:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-078 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing David Lawrence, Jr. K-8 Center for an impressive finish at the Odyssey of the Mind world competition.

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-078
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING DAVID LAWRENCE, JR. K-8 CENTER FOR AN IMPRESSIVE
FINISH AT THE ODYSSEY OF THE MIND WORLD COMPETITION**

WHEREAS, created in 1978, the Odyssey of the Mind is an international education program that challenges students in kindergarten through college to find innovative solutions to problem; and

WHEREAS, this year, the team from David Lawrence, Jr. K-8 Center placed first in the Full Circle Division II at the Tropical region. The team represented the state of Florida and the Tropical region at the world competition, where they placed an impressive 13th out of 62 teams from around the globe; and

WHEREAS, the Full Circle problem asked students to create and present a humorous performance, where an object must change forms three times before transforming back to its original state; and

WHEREAS, in addition, the team is responsible for planning, writing, building and presenting their solutions with minimal help from a teacher or coach; and

WHEREAS, the students and staff of David Lawrence, Jr. K-8 Center are to be commended for their dedication and commitment to academic excellence. Under the leadership of Principal Bernard Osborn, the students of the school benefit from activities that build self-esteem and self-confidence, which allows them to reach new heights of achievement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 11-078 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing David Lawrence, Jr. K-8 Center for an impressive finish at the Odyssey of the Mind world competition.

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

Presented this fifteenth day of June A.D. 2011

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary