

Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, Vice Chair

**SUBJECT:** REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 12-115 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA HONORING THE BURGESS FAMILY AS THE SCHOLASTIC PARENT AND CHILD MAGAZINE 2012 FAMILY OF THE YEAR

**COMMITTEE:** INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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

Scholastic Parent & Child magazine recently announced the winner of its third annual Family of the Year contest. The contest recognizes families across the country that give back to their communities and make a difference in the lives of others. The grand prize winning family received a feature story in Scholastic Parent & Child magazine, a trip to New York City, and \$20,000 in college savings bonds. This year's winning family, chosen from among hundreds of entries and pictured on the cover of the magazine's June/July issue, is the Burgess family of Homestead. The Burgess family consists of city of Homestead Vice Mayor Jon Burgess, his wife Charelle, and their six-year old son J.R.

Charelle Burgess submitted an application for the contest with the goal of raising awareness of the work she does for This is the Dog!, a local non-profit organization devoted to dog rescue that finds homes for abandoned animals. The Burgess family was chosen as Family of the Year for their commitment to rescuing and fostering dogs in need. Over the past five years, the Burgess family has fostered 25 dogs. In addition to their pets, cat Mel and dogs Goldie and Snickers, the Burgesses always have a foster dog. The family's foster dogs live with them and receive training and veterinary care, including spaying or neutering.

The Burgess family is committed to the cause of helping animals. Charelle spends 40 hours per week volunteering for This is the Dog! She updates the organization's website, coordinates adoptions, runs dog adoption clinics, solicits donations, applies for grants, and plans fundraisers. Jon works with the family's foster dogs and J.R. assists with the puppies and leash training. Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends the Burgess family for their outstanding commitment to volunteerism and selfless devotion to helping their community and animals in need.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
DR. LAWRENCE S. FELDMAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-115 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring the Burgess family for being named the Scholastic Parent & Child Magazine 2012 Family of the Year.

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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
HONORING THE BURGESS FAMILY FOR BEING NAMED THE SCHOLASTIC PARENT  
AND CHILD MAGAZINE 2012 FAMILY OF THE YEAR**

**WHEREAS**, Scholastic Parent & Child magazine recently announced the winner of its third annual Family of the Year contest. The contest recognizes families across the country that give back to their communities and make a difference in the lives of others; and

**WHEREAS**, this year's winning family, chosen from among hundreds of entries and pictured on the cover of the magazine's June/July issue, is the Burgess family of Homestead. The Burgess family consists of city of Homestead Vice Mayor Jon Burgess, his wife Charelle, and their six-year old son J.R.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Burgess family was chosen as Family of the Year for their commitment to rescuing and fostering dogs in need. Over the past five years, the Burgess family has fostered 25 dogs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Burgess family is committed to the cause of helping animals. Charelle spends 40 hours per week volunteering for This is the Dog!, a local non-profit organization devoted to dog rescue, Jon works with the family's foster dogs and J.R. assists with the puppies and leash training; and

**WHEREAS**, Miami-Dade County Public Schools commends the Burgess family for their outstanding commitment to volunteerism and selfless devotion to helping their community and animals in need;

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 12-115 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honoring the Burgess family for being named the Scholastic Parent & Child Magazine 2012 Family of the Year.

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

**Presented this eighteenth day of July, A.D. 2012**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary