

Dr. Wilbert "Tee" Holloway, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 14-044 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING NORTH MIAMI MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER JONATHAN DE LEON FOR RECEIVING A GRANT FROM THE MR. HOLLAND'S OPUS FOUNDATION

COMMITTEE: SCHOOL SUPPORT ACCOUNTABILITY

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

The Guitar and Band Programs at North Miami Middle School have the honor of recently receiving a \$14,000 grant in new and refurbished instruments through the Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation. The programs also will receive more than \$4,500 to fund much-needed repairs to its band instrument inventory. The Guitar and Band Programs are an integral part of the school's educational curriculum. The programs served more than 2,000 students since their inception in 2007 and 2008. The students perform throughout Miami at parades, concerts and other community events. The Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation services underserved schools with new and refurbished musical instruments. Over the past 17 years, the Foundation has donated more than 15,000 instruments to 1,273 schools and community programs across the nation.

Jonathan De Leon co-founded the Guitar and Band Programs at North Miami Middle School. Mr. De Leon, a Teach for America alumnus, worked diligently on the grant with Band Director LaToya Harris and guidance from the New Leaders Council. As an educator at a Title I school, he knew the positive impact a properly funded music program would have on his students and the entire community. Mr. De Leon started as a social studies teacher seven years ago. In addition to serving as a guitar teacher, he is also an Athletic Director, Activities Director and Magnet Lead Teacher.

Jonathan De Leon is to be commended for highlighting the value and importance of music and arts education. His passion for music and his students enriches their lives immensely.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. WILBERT "TEE" HOLLOWAY:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 14-044 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing North Miami Middle School teacher Jonathan De Leon for receiving a grant from the Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-044
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING NORTH MIAMI MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER JONATHAN DE LEON
FOR RECEIVING A GRANT FROM THE MR. HOLLAND'S OPUS FOUNDATION

WHEREAS, the Guitar and Band Programs at North Miami Middle School have the honor of recently receiving a \$14,000 grant in new and refurbished instruments through the Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation. The programs also will receive more than \$4,500 to fund much-needed repairs to its band instrument inventory; and

WHEREAS, the Guitar and Band Programs are an integral part of the school's educational curriculum and serve more than 2,000 students since their inception in 2007 and 2008. The students perform throughout Miami at parades, concerts and other community events; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan De Leon co-founded the Guitar and Band Programs at North Miami Middle School. Mr. De Leon, a Teach for America alumnus, worked diligently on the grant with Band Director LaToya Harris and guidance from the New Leaders Council; and

WHEREAS, as an educator at a Title I school, he knew the positive impact a properly funded music program would have on his students and the entire community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. De Leon started as a social studies teacher seven years ago. In addition to serving as a guitar teacher, he is also an Athletic Director, Activities Director and Magnet Lead Teacher; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan De Leon is to be commended for highlighting the value and importance of music and arts education. His passion for music and his students enriches their lives immensely;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 14-044 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing North Miami Middle School teacher Jonathan De Leon for receiving a grant from the Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation.

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

Presented this seventh day of May, A.D. 2014

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary