

Ms. Raquel Regalado, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 14-102
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY,
FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING GLADES MIDDLE SCHOOL
CONCERT JAZZ BAND**

**COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT**

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

The Foundation for Music Education annually honors musical ensembles in five categories with awards, including the National Jazz Honors. Glades Middle School Concert Jazz Band was one of two middle schools and the only school in Florida that received the foundation's highest honor for a jazz ensemble, the National Mark of Excellence/ National Jazz Honors project. In 2010, Glades Jazz Band received a Commended Honors Certificate.

The Mark of Excellence is a competition, entered by performance recordings, in which the top quarter are selected as National Winners and the second quarter receive Commanded Honors.

This year, 224 of the finest musical ensembles in the nation from 35 states entered the competition. To be considered for the award, schools had to submit recorded music, which was judged by a panel for its overall quality. Under the direction of Band Director Erich S. Rivero, Glades Middle School performed three pieces by Duke Ellington: "In A Mellow Tone," arranged by Paul Baker, "Do Nothing Till You Hear," arranged by Dave Wolpe, and "C Jam Blues (A la Mambo)," arranged by Michael Phillip Mossman.

One Glades Middle student, Ian Muñoz who plays the alto saxophone, was selected as Outstanding Soloist for the competition. Also in the band are five other saxophone players: Arianna Beruvides, Natalie Remundo, Haley Hefley, Cesar Carpio, and Kamerin Marin; four trombone players: Michael Guerra, Frank De la Cruz, Michael Alvarez and Ken Fernandez; four on trumpet: Alyssa Cruz-Cafiero, Vanessa Vidal, Victoria Vidal and Shane Starman; on guitar is Jonathan Orta; on bass (base) is Lazaro Triana; on drums is Michael Shkolnik; on auxiliary percussion is Jorge Olivero; and on keyboards are Gabriella Rodriguez and Sabrina Sixto. Mr. Rivero is a product of Miami-Dade County Public Schools. He earned a bachelor's degree from Florida International University, where he studied under famed Cuban jazz trumpeter, pianist and composer Arturo Sandoval. He has been director of bands at five high schools and has been at Glades Middle for seven years.

The School Board commends Glades Middle School for using their outstanding talent and skill to accomplish this incredible achievement.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

MS. RAQUEL REGALADO: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 14-102 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Glades Middle School Concert Jazz Band.

**RESOLUTION NO. 14-102
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING GLADES MIDDLE SCHOOL CONCERT JAZZ BAND**

WHEREAS, the Foundation for Music Education annually honors musical ensembles in five categories with awards, including the National Jazz Honors; and

WHEREAS, Glades Middle School Concert Jazz Band was one of two middle schools and the only school in Florida that received the foundation's highest honor for a jazz ensemble, the National Mark of Excellence/ National Jazz Honors project; and

WHEREAS, this year, 224 of the finest musical ensembles in the nation from 35 states entered the competition. To be considered for the award, schools had to submit recorded music, which was judged by a panel for its overall quality; and

WHEREAS, Under the direction of Band Director Erich S. Rivero, Glades Middle School performed three pieces by Duke Ellington: "In A Mellow Tone," arranged by Paul Baker, "Do Nothing Till You Hear," arranged by Dave Wolpe, and "C Jam Blues (Ala Mambo)," arranged by Michael Phillip Mossman; and

WHEREAS, one Glades Middle student, Ian Muñoz who plays the alto saxophone, was selected as Outstanding Soloist for the competition.; and

WHEREAS, also in the band are five other saxophone players: Arianna Beruvides, Natalie Remundo, Haley Hefley, Cesar Carpio, and Kamerin Marin; four trombone players: Michael Guerra, Frank De la Cruz, Michael Alvarez and Ken Fernandez; four on trumpet: Alyssa Cruz-Cafiero, Vanessa Vidal, Victoria Vidal and Shane Starman; on guitar is Jonathan Orta; on bass (base) is Lazaro Triana; on drums is Michael Shkolnik; on auxiliary percussion is Jorge Olivero; and on keyboards are Gabriella Rodriguez and Sabrina Sixto.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rivero is a product of Miami-Dade County Public Schools. He earned a bachelor's degree from Florida International University, where he studied under famed Cuban jazz trumpeter, pianist and composer Arturo Sandoval. He has been director of bands at five high schools and has been at Glades Middle for seven years; and

WHEREAS, the School Board commends Glades Middle School for using their outstanding talent and skill to accomplish this incredible achievement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 14-102 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Glades Middle School Concert Jazz Band.

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

Presented this nineteenth day of November, A.D. 2014

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary