

Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, Vice Chair

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 15-019 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE FRANCISCO R. WALKER TEACHER OF THE YEAR AND ROOKIE TEACHER OF THE YEAR

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL SERVICES AND STUDENT AND SCHOOL SUPPORT

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

Every year, Miami-Dade County Public Schools recognizes its brightest and most outstanding educators during the Francisco R. Walker Miami-Dade County Teacher of the Year event. On February 9, teachers, administrators, school staff and interested citizens gathered at the DoubleTree by Hilton Miami Airport & Convention Center to watch finalists vie for the coveted Teacher of the Year and Rookie Teacher of the Year recognitions.

Geoffrey Aladro, an International Baccalaureate social studies department chair and history teacher at Frank C. Martin K-8 Center, was named the 2016 Francisco R. Walker Miami-Dade County Teacher of the Year. A visit to Mr. Aladro's classroom is a journey back in time. He brings history to life for his students by using humor, acting and visuals with both performing arts and computer technology.

Desiree Amber Chase, a teacher at MAST @ Homestead, was named the Rookie Teacher of the Year. Ms. Chase credits her development as a teacher to her mother, who was a very successful and experienced public school educator, and her principal, Ms. Lisa Noffo, for taking the time to coach, mentor and advise her.

Geoffrey Aladro and Desiree Amber Chase are to be commended for their dedication to the students and families of Miami-Dade County Public Schools. Their commitment to excellence has enriched the lives of countless students.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 15-019 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Francisco R. Walker Teacher of the Year and Rookie Teacher of the Year.

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