

Ms. Raquel Regalado, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 16-045 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING RANSOM EVERGLADES U.S. GOVERNMENT TEACHER AND STUDENTS

COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, EVALUATION AND TECHNOLOGY

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: HIGHLY EFFECTIVE TEACHERS, LEADERS AND STAFF

The 2016 presidential election thus far has been more dramatic than usual, leading to media coverage that has not always focused on the issues themselves, and that may distort how a voter views a candidate.

With the help of their AP U.S. Government and Politics teacher Gregory Cooper, 27 Ransom Everglades high school students created an online voter guide that cuts through the rhetoric to provide the community with an objective view on where each Democratic and Republican candidate stands and their policies.

The voter guide, which launched February 1st, the day of the Iowa Caucuses, is full of information taken from more than 500 sources, including Project Vote Smart, Politifact, each candidate's official campaign website, quotes and debate transcripts. The data is divided into 13 policy areas, including immigration, the environment and gun control.

The students – Tony Albini, JJ Arteaga, Nicole Avazian, Alexa Bishopric, Heather Boehm, Franklin Civantos, Will Danon, Dylan Demello, Cole Deuel, Alex Fuster, Will Glass, Josh Glottmann, Paul Kalandiak, Sarah Kirke, Emily Koffsky, Corey Kraftsow, Miguel Lamar, Bailey Parker, Jason Perez, Gerardo Perla, Baylar Ratzan, Isa Reyes-Capo, Emma Ronzetti, Ethan Rozenywaig, Mariana Sanchez-Medina, Alex Schlesinger, and Zoe Tolon – were all involved in the creation of the website from the design to the hours of research on each candidate's voting records and/or stances on a variety of topics such as race and ethnicity issues and gender/sexual orientation.

Mr. Cooper and his AP U.S. Government and Politics students are to be commended for helping to create informed voters in Miami-Dade County.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

MS. RAQUEL REGALADO: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 16-045 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Ransom Everglades U.S. Government teacher and students.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-045
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING RANSOM EVERGLADES U.S. GOVERNMENT TEACHER AND STUDENTS

WHEREAS, the 2016 presidential election thus far has been more dramatic than usual, leading to media coverage that has not always focused on the issues themselves, and that may distort how a voter views a candidate; and

WHEREAS, with the help of their AP U.S. Government and Politics teacher Gregory Cooper, 27 Ransom Everglades high school students created an online voter guide that cuts through the rhetoric to provide the community with an objective view on where each Democratic and Republican candidate stands and their policies; and

WHEREAS, the voter guide, which launched February 1st, the day of the Iowa Caucuses, is full of information taken from more than 500 sources, including Project Vote Smart, Politifact, each candidate's official campaign website, quotes and debate transcripts. The data is divided into 13 policy areas, including immigration, the environment and gun control; and

WHEREAS, the students – Tony Albini, JJ Arteaga, Nicole Avazian, Alexa Bishopric, Heather Boehm, Franklin Civantos, Will Danon, Dylan Demello, Cole Deuel, Alex Fuster, Will Glass, Josh Glottmann, Paul Kalandiak, Sarah Kirke, Emily Koffsky, Corey Kraftsow, Miguel Lamar, Bailey Parker, Jason Perez, Gerardo Perla, Baylar Ratzan, Isa Reyes-Capo, Emma Ronzetti, Ethan Rozencwaig, Mariana Sanchez-Medina, Alex Schlesinger, and Zoe Tolon – were all involved in the creation of the website from the design to the hours of research on each candidate's voting records and/or stances on a variety of topics such as race and ethnicity issues and gender/sexual orientation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cooper and his AP U.S. Government and Politics students are to be commended for helping to create informed voters in Miami-Dade County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 16-045 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Ransom Everglades U.S. Government teacher and students.

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

Presented this eleventh day of May, A.D. 2016

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary