

Ms. Maria Teresa Rojas, Board Member

**SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 17-053 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE GLADES MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND**

**COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, EVALUATION AND TECHNOLOGY**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: RELEVANT, RIGOROUS, AND INNOVATIVE ACADEMICS**

A school band program is one of the areas of the school day that supports expression as well as participation. Students learn quality music and experience the joy of an ever-evolving sense of aesthetic expression. Furthermore, involvement in a band program avails the musicians to the infinite journey of creative expression connecting to a language that is understood and communicated by all of mankind around the globe. Immersion in a school band program promotes both achievement and wisdom.

These qualities are represented in the Concert Jazz Band Program at Glades Middle School under the leadership and direction of Mr. Erich S. Rivera, Director of Bands. Since 2008, the Glades Middle School Concert Jazz Band Program has received numerous awards and recognitions. Some of these are the following:

The Foundation for Music Education awarded the Glades Middle School Concert Jazz Band the Mark of Excellence National Award in 2010, 2014, 2015, 2016. The Mark of Excellence Award was also given to three Outstanding Jazz Soloists in 2014, 2015, and 11 awards in 2016.

Glades Middle School Concert Jazz Band performed at the 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Midwest International Band and Orchestra Clinic in Chicago, IL, December, 2015 (only two Middle School Jazz Bands in the world were selected to perform – Glades Middle School and one other group from Texas.)

The Glades Middle School Concert Jazz Band competed in the High School Division for Festival Disney. They earned the Best in Class Award, Superior Rating, and the first place Golden Mickey Award. The Band also received the highest rating of all High School Jazz Bands at Festival Disney, March 2016.

One student from the Glades Middle School Concert Jazz Band made the 2016 Florida Music Educators All State Jazz Band; two students made the 2017 Florida Music Educators All-State Jazz Band; the Concert Jazz Band received Straight Superior ratings under the direction of Mr. Rivera from the Florida Bandmasters Association Jazz Music Performance Assessments for eight consecutive years; and it has recorded five CDs professionally in a studio under Mr. Rivera's guidance.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY  
MS. MARIA TERESA ROJAS:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No.17-053 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Glades Middle School Band.

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**RESOLUTION NO. 17-053  
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
RECOGNIZING THE GLADES MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND**

**WHEREAS**, Glades Middle School Director of Bands, Mr. Erich S. Rivera, has provided his students wisdom, guidance, and outstanding musical experiences throughout the years; and

**WHEREAS**, The Foundation for Music Education has awarded the Glades Middle School Concert Jazz Band the Mark of Excellence National Award in 2010, 2014, 2015, 2016 and the Mark of Excellence Award was also given to three Outstanding Jazz Soloists in 2014, 2015, and 11 awards in 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, the Glades Middle School Concert Jazz Band performed at the 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Midwest International Band and Orchestra Clinic in Chicago, IL, December, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, the Glades Middle School Concert Jazz Band competed in the High School Division for Festival Disney earning the Best in Class Award, Superior Rating, and the first place Golden Mickey Award. The Band also received the highest rating of all High School Jazz Bands at Festival Disney, March 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, one student from Glades Middle School Concert Jazz Band made the 2016 Florida Music Educators All State Jazz Band; and two students made the 2017 Florida Music Educators All State Jazz Band; and

**WHEREAS**, the Concert Jazz Band received Straight Superior ratings under the direction of Mr. Rivera from the Florida Bandmasters Association Jazz Music Performance Assessments for eight consecutive years; and it has recorded five CD's professionally in a studio under Mr. Rivera's guidance.

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

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 17-053 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the Glades Middle School Band.

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

**Presented this fifth day of April, A. D. 2017**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary