

Dr. Steve Gallon III, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 19-017 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING NORLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL THESPIAN TROUPE #88045 FOR 9 STRAIGHT SUPERIORS AND THE STATE'S "BEST OVERALL PERFORMANCE" AWARD FOR "REVENGE PARTY" FROM THE MUSICAL "MEAN GIRLS"

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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The Center for Performing Arts at Norland Middle School, a highly praised and award-winning magnet program in the state of Florida, has earned countless accolades and honors for its distinguished creativity and performances in the visual and performing arts.

With deep running roots, the Center for Performing Arts at Norland Middle School has existed for the past 34 years and has taught some of the brightest and most talented students, who have furthered their artistic aspirations at Miami Northwestern Senior High School's PAVAC program, Dr. Michael M. Krop Magnet's program, Design Architecture Senior High School and New World School of the Arts.

The musical theater program at the Center for Performing Arts at Norland Middle School was recently heralded for its success as students from the program were able to star, act, sing and participate in the Junior Thespians state competition. They entered eight pieces and received seven superior ratings, one excellent and the Critic's Choice Award for Best Group Musical. In addition, they received the first-ever Best Overall Performance Award in Florida."

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These talented students will perform and represent all middle schools from Florida at the annual High School State Thespian Competition in Tampa on March 20, 2019. It is fitting and proper that official acknowledgment be given to drama teachers Tanisha Cidel and Khadijah Rolle as well as the faculty, staff and students at the Center for Performing Arts at Norland Middle School for bringing prestige and honor to one of our most celebrated public school magnet programs.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. STEVE GALLON III:**

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 19-017 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Norland Middle School Drama Magnet Thespian Troupe #88045 for seven straight superiors and the state's Best Overall Performance Award for "Revenge Party" from the musical "Mean Girls".

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OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING NORLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL THESPIAN TROUPE #88045
FOR 9 STRAIGHT SUPERIORS AND THE STATE'S "BEST OVERALL PERFORMANCE"
AWARD FOR "REVENGE PARTY" FROM THE MUSICAL "MEAN GIRLS"**

WHEREAS, Marian Williamson, the influential writer, once said, "Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, 'Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous?' Who are you not to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small does not serve the world. There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you. We are all meant to shine, as children do. We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us. It's not just in some of us; it's in everyone. And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same. As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others"; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Performing Arts at Norland Middle School, a highly praised and award-winning magnet program in the state of Florida, has earned countless accolades and honors for its distinguished creativity and performances in the visual and performing arts; and

WHEREAS, with deep running roots, the Center for Performing Arts at Norland Middle School has existed for the past 34 years and has taught some of the brightest and most talented students, who have furthered their artistic aspirations at Miami Northwestern Senior High School's PAVAC program, Dr. Michael M. Krop Magnet's program, Design Architecture Senior High School and New World School of the Arts; and

WHEREAS, the musical theater program at the Center for Performing Arts at Norland Middle School was recently heralded for its success as students from the program were able to star, act, sing and participate in the Junior Thespians state competition. They entered eight pieces and received seven superior ratings, one excellent and the Critic's Choice Award for Best Group Musical. In addition, they received the first-ever Best Overall Performance Award in Florida; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

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

Presented this thirteenth day of March, A.D. 2019

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary