

Dr. Steve Gallon III, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 19-029 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING MS. RHONDA GAINES OF MIAMI CAROL CITY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL FOR BEING NAMED 2018-2019 DADE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS (DASA) ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR AND MS. RHONDA WILLIAMS OF BARBARA HAWKINS ELEMENTARY FOR BEING NAMED NORTH REGION PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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On Thursday April 11, 2019, Rhonda Gaines and Rhonda Williams were North Region finalists at the Dade Association of School Administrators Principal & Assistant Principal of the Year Ceremony. Both individuals are educational leaders and have proven themselves as a highly competent, committed, compassionate and caring instructional leaders who have distinguished themselves among the educators throughout the District, state, and the nation.

Born and raised in Miami, Florida, Ms. Rhonda Gaines feels privileged to have been a product of the Miami Dade County Public School System. In 1997, Ms. Gaines graduated from Miami Northwestern Senior High School. She earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education in 2003 from Florida Memorial University. In 2005, Ms. Gaines earned a Master of Science in Reading. To expand on the development of curriculum and leadership, Rhonda attended Nova Southeastern University and earned an Educational Specialist degree in Curriculum and Instruction Management and Administration, 2007 and Educational Leadership, 2012.

In 2000, Ms. Gaines began her career as a substitute teacher at Allapattah Middle School. After earning her degree in 2003, she became employed as a Reading/Language Arts teacher for students in grades 6th-8th. She taught at Allapattah Middle School for eight years. During her tenure, she was appointed the positions of Department Chairperson, Team Leader and Reading Coach.

With the innate desire to impact academic change on a greater scale and push toward transformation, Ms. Gaines became a Reading Coach at Miami Northwestern Senior High School, Madison Middle School, and then transitioned to the position of Curriculum Support Specialist with the Education Transformation Office. She went on to serve as a Transformational Leader by way of Assistant Principal at Carol City Middle School, 2014-2017. She is currently an Assistant Principal at Miami Carol City Senior High School.

**GOOD CAUSE
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Ms. Rhonda Williams has been an administrator for 14 years and 10 of those years at Barbara Hawkins Elementary. Ms. Williams is one of the very few principals, in the state of Florida, who has improved a school from one of the lowest 100 elementary schools, to a top performing, two-time consecutive "A" rated school. In fact, she is a recipient of the Tax Watch award. This honor, awarded to only three Florida elementary principals, recognizes the performance of schools in high poverty areas yielding the highest levels of academic proficiency.

Ms. Williams is one of nine principals receiving this award and one of two principals from Miami-Dade County. She will be recognized at a ceremony in Orlando next year where she will have the opportunity to take home top honors and an additional cash prize. Ms. Williams will also select one of her students to receive a two-year Florida College Plan Scholarship.

This item does not appear on the published agenda. There exists good cause to vary from the published agenda in order to timely and properly honor the recipients of the recognition.

This item has been reviewed and approved as to form and legal sufficiency by the School Board Attorney.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 19-029 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Ms. Rhonda Gaines of Miami Carol City Senior High School for being named 2018-2019 DASA Assistant Principal of the Year and Ms. Rhonda Williams of Barbara Hawkins Elementary for being named North Region Principal of the year.

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-029 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING MS. RHONDA GAINES OF MIAMI CAROL CITY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL FOR BEING
NAMED 2018-2019 DADE ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS (DASA) ASSISTANT
PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR AND MS. RHONDA WILLIAMS OF BARBARA HAWKINS ELEMENTARY
FOR BEING NAMED NORTH REGION PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR**

WHEREAS, on Thursday April 11, 2019, Rhonda Gaines and Rhonda Williams were North Region finalists at the Dade Association of School Administrators Principal & Assistant Principal of the Year Ceremony. Both individuals are educational leaders and have proven themselves as a highly competent, committed, compassionate and caring instructional leaders who have distinguished themselves among the educators throughout the District, state, and the nation; and

WHEREAS, born and raised in Miami, Florida, Ms. Rhonda Gaines feels privileged to have been a product of the Miami Dade County Public School System. In 1997, Ms. Gaines graduated from Miami Northwestern Senior High School. She earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education in 2003 from Florida Memorial University. In 2005, Ms. Gaines earned a Master of Science in Reading. To expand on the development of curriculum and leadership, Rhonda attended Nova Southeastern University and earned an Educational Specialist degree in Curriculum and Instruction Management and Administration, 2007 and Educational Leadership, 2012; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, Ms. Gaines began her career as a substitute teacher at Allapattah Middle School. After earning her degree in 2003, she became employed as a Reading/Language Arts teacher for students in grades 6th-8th. She taught at Allapattah Middle School for eight years. During her tenure, she was appointed the positions of Department Chairperson, Team Leader and Reading Coach; and

WHEREAS, with the innate desire to impact academic change on a greater scale and push toward transformation, Ms. Gaines became a Reading Coach at Miami Northwestern Senior High School, Madison Middle School, and then transitioned to the position of Curriculum Support Specialist with the Education Transformation Office. She went on to serve as a Transformational Leader by way of Assistant Principal at Carol City Middle School, 2014-2017. She is currently an Assistant Principal at Miami Carol City Senior High School; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rhonda Williams has been an administrator for 14 years and 10 of those years at Barbara Hawkins Elementary. Ms. Williams is one of the very few principals, in the state of Florida, who has improved a school from one of the lowest 100 elementary schools, to a top performing, two-time consecutive "A" rated school. In fact, she is a recipient of the Tax Watch award. This honor, awarded to only three Florida elementary principals, recognizes the performance of schools in high poverty areas yielding the highest levels of academic proficiency; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Williams is one of nine principals receiving this award and one of two principals from Miami-Dade County. She will be recognized at a ceremony in Orlando next year where she will have the opportunity to take home top honors and an additional cash prize. Ms. Williams will also select one of her students to receive a two-year Florida College Plan Scholarship.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution no. 19-029 of the school board of Miami-Dade county, Florida, recognizing Ms. Rhonda Gaines of Miami Carol City Senior High School for being named 2018-2019 Dade Association of School Administrators (DASA) Assistant Principal of the year and Ms. Rhonda Williams of Barbara Hawkins Elementary for being named North Region Principal of the Year.

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

Presented this seventeenth day of April, A.D. 2019

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary