

Dr. Lawrence S. Feldman, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 20-013 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING SOUTHWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE MAGNET PROGRAM'S NATIONAL DANCE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP PERFORMANCES

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

LINK TO STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT: RELEVANT, RIGOROUS AND INNOVATIVE ACADEMICS

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Since 1996, the Southwood Middle School Magnet Dance program has won 19 national titles at the Universal Dance Association National Dance Team Championship (NDTC), held annually at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Convention Center. It is the only national-level dance team championship that is endorsed by the National Federation of State High School Associations, the national service and administrative organization for high school athletics and fine arts programs. The NDTC brings together the best all-star dance teams from around the globe in Orlando, Florida for a 3 day competition where over 5,000 athletes representing 34 states and 9 countries vie for titles. The championship is televised on ESPN and live streamed on Varsity TV to an international audience.

This year, Southwood's Magnet Dance Team, under the direction of Ms. Hilda Jimenez, once again earned "white jacket" status, taking home first place in the Junior High Jazz Division and second place in the Junior High Hip-Hop Division. This amazing feat supplements the team's most recent victories at state-level competitions in which they took home first place in both Jazz and Hip-Hop. This legacy of success not only demonstrates the Southwood standard, but also exemplifies the talent, commitment, and ingenuity of Ms. Jimenez, whose years of devotion to excellence and effort has helped earn the school and the dance program local, state, and national recognition.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. LAWRENCE S. FELDMAN: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 20-013 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Southwood Middle School Dance Magnet Program's 2020 National Dance Team Championship "white jacket" status, taking home first place in the Junior High Jazz Division and second place in the Junior High Hip-Hop Division.

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NATIONAL DANCE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP PERFORMANCES**

WHEREAS, The Southwood Middle Magnet Dance program provides students with exposure to intensive dance instruction in ballet, modern and jazz with additional classes in tap, pointe and variation. Emphasis is placed on choreography, composition, improvisation, dance history and the development of original movement. Student learning experiences are complemented by opportunities to participate in special performances, attend field trips and master classes, and compete on a national level; 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 eighteenth day of March, A.D. 2020

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary