

Mr. Danny Espino, Vice-Chair

SUBJECT: REQUEST APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 23-022 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING RUBEN DARIO MIDDLE SCHOOL'S *CONCOLOR* YEARBOOK ON RECEIVING A SILVER CROWN AWARD RECOGNITION FROM THE COLUMBIA SCHOLASTIC PRESS ASSOCIATION

COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, INNOVATION, EVALUATION & TECHNOLOGY

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN: RELEVANT, RIGOROUS & INNOVATIVE ACADEMICS

The Columbia Scholastic Press Association (CSPA), owned and operated by Columbia University, was founded in 1925 with the goal of supporting student editors and faculty advisers in their journalistic endeavors in schools and colleges throughout the United States and overseas. In 1982 and 1984, respectively, the Association presented for the first time the Gold Crown Awards and Silver Crown Awards. The Crown Awards honor top student publications, selected for overall excellence in a head-to-head comparison in news, magazine, yearbook or digital (online) formats. Receiving this Award represents the highest recognition for overall excellence given nationally to a student print or digital medium.

On March 17, 2023, at the 99th CSPA Spring Convention at Columbia University, Ruben Dario Middle School in District 5, became the recipient of a Silver Crown Award for their work on the 31st year publication of *Concolor* Yearbook. Ruben Dario Middle School was the first middle school in Miami-Dade County Public Schools to receive this Award back in 2020 and then again in 2022. This is an amazing achievement considering that a panel of Crown judges, who are experienced former advisers to student media, professional journalists who understand student media, and professional photographers or online specialists, view all entrants and judge their work on their excellence as shown by their design, photography, concept, coverage, and writing. This year a total of 805 publications were eligible to compete.

We would like to recognize Ruben Dario's Principal, Mr. Juan Carlos Boue and those who worked on 2022 *Concolor* yearbook: Journalism Adviser, Ms. Ileana Roza; Herff Jones Representative, Mr. Jose Otero (an alumnus of Ruben Dario Middle School); along with 7th graders Milo Santana and Anahi Baca.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
MR. DANNY ESPINO**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 23-022 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Ruben Dario Middle School's *Concolor* Yearbook on receiving a Silver Crown Award recognition from The Columbia Scholastic Press Association.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 23-022 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Ruben Dario Middle School's *Concolor* Yearbook on receiving a Silver Crown Award recognition from The Columbia Scholastic Press Association.

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

Presented this nineteenth day of April, A.D. 2023

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

SCHOOL BOARD CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary