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**SUBJECT: THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA HONORS MR. JUAN GABRIEL MARTIN, 2024 ROOKIE TEACHER OF THE YEAR**

**COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL, & COMMUNITY SUPPORT**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN: HIGHLY EFFECTIVE TEACHERS, LEADERS, & STAFF**

On January 23, 2024, Mr. Juan Gabriel Martin was named Miami-Dade County Public Schools Rookie Teacher of the Year at the 2025 Francisco R. Walker Teacher of the Year celebration. Mr. Martin is a music teacher at Citrus Grove K-8 Center. The Rookie Teacher of the Year award recognizes and honors the excellent work of new teachers who are within the first years in the profession and who have demonstrated outstanding characteristics of an exceptional beginning teacher.

Mr. Martin is a dynamic and innovative educator who brings a unique blend of experiences and creativity to the realm of elementary music education. As a certified music teacher in Florida, he has nurtured a diverse array of young minds, infusing his lessons with an inventive blend of music theory, composition, and practical musicianship. His approach extends beyond traditional teaching, embracing a holistic and immersive educational practice.

Mr. Martin received a Bachelors of Arts Degree in Music Theory and Composition from the University of Florida. Prior to his job as a music teacher, he worked as an insurance agent at Delia Izquierdo Insurance. He has also been active in the community having served as Creative Director/President for Compositum Musicae Novae producing, performing, and introducing the public to emerging musicians, dancers, writers, and visual artists, bridging the gap between the community and the arts.

The Miami-Dade County School Board honors Mr. Juan Gabriel Martin, 2024 Rookie Teacher of the Year, for his outstanding contributions to the students he serves and to the entire Citrus Grove K-8 community.

The item has been reviewed and approved by the General Counsel's Office as to form and legal sufficiency.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY CHAIR**

**MS. MARIA TERESA ROJAS:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, honors Mr. Juan Gabriel Martin, *2024 Rookie Teacher of the Year*.