

Dr. Martin Karp, Board Member

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPORVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 15-052 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING THE 20TH ANNUAL H.O.P.E. (HELP OVERCOME PET EUTHANASIA) CONTEST WINNERS

COMMITTEE: ACADEMICS, EVALUATION AND TECHNOLOGY

LINK TO STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK: STUDENT, PARENT, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

For the past 20 years, the School District has offered the H.O.P.E. (Help Overcome Pet Euthanasia) Contest to Miami-Dade County Public School (M-DCPS) students in collaboration with Miami-Dade County Animal Services Division and The Humane Society of Greater Miami. The contest focuses on increasing awareness of the pet overpopulation issue. The sponsor of the agenda item created the H.O.P.E. Contest in an effort to provide students with opportunities to generate ideas and solutions regarding the pet overpopulation problem employing a hands-on approach.

Numerous entries were received from schools located throughout the District. Representatives from Animals Services and the Humane Society served as judges, and selected winners at the elementary school, middle school, and high school levels. This year's elementary team division first-place winners from Biscayne Elementary School are Luna Balzano, Nicole Rivera, and Pamela Estevez, and the second place winners from Norman S. Edelcup Sunny Isles Beach K-8 are Isabella Molliner and Elia Markman.

The first place winners for the elementary class division from Eugenia B. Thomas K-8 Center are Maria Bolanos, Christina Giordano, Vanessa Irazabal, Leylah Novela, Luana Aichele, Valentina Hermida, Andrea Otero, Valerie Silva, Alejandra Corao-Cubides, Sophia Lehrmann, Stephanie Perez, and Brenda Yoris. The second place winners from Spanish Lake Elementary School are Valentina Castellano, Samantha Cotto, Luis Cruz, Raquel De La Rosa, Yanet Feliz, Giovanni Galvis, Anggie Garcia, Priscilla Gomes, Gervacio Gonzalez, Victoria Martinez, Christian Mendez, Jasmine Morales, Javier Rivera-Vega, Sebastian Rocha, Jasmine Rubio, Julian Sanchez, Robert Sanchez, Alexander Santiago, Angela Sardinias, Anabella Taveras, Manuel Vienes, Kaithlyn Villarreal, and Vivana Zamora.

The first place winners for the middle school team division from John F. Kennedy Middle School are Tammy Antonio, Yasmin Dobson, and Andrea Vega. The second place winners from Fienberg Fisher K-8 Center are Daniele Bearzi, Jeremy Guevara, Daniel Santana, and Valentino Siojrin.

The first place winners for the high school team division from Dr. Michael M. Krop Senior High are Eliza Morton, Stephanie Morton, Marley Katz, and Marina Oses, along with Ilana Herman from New World School of the Arts. The second-place winner from Alonzo & Tracy Mournig Senior High Biscayne Bay Campus are Nicole Barradas, Mia Vaca-Gutierrez, Almendra Bertoni, and Valentina Pavolini.

Student participants in the 20th Annual H.O.P.E. Contest along with their teachers are to be commended for raising awareness about the pet overpopulation problem in our community in an effort to decrease shelter intake.

ACTION PROPOSED BY

DR. MARTIN KARP: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 15-052 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing the 20th annual H.O.P.E. Contest winners.

**RESOLUTION NO. 15-052
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
RECOGNIZING THE 20TH ANNUAL H.O.P.E. CONTEST WINNERS**

WHEREAS, for the past 20 years, the School District has offered the H.O.P.E. (Help Overcome Pet Euthanasia) Contest to Miami-Dade County Public School (M-DCPS) students in collaboration with Miami-Dade County Animal Services Division and The Humane Society of Greater Miami; and

WHEREAS, the contest focuses on raising awareness about the pet overpopulation problem in our community in an effort to decrease shelter intake; and

WHEREAS, numerous entries were received from schools located throughout the District. Representatives from Animals Services and the Humane Society served as judges, and selected winners at the elementary school, middle school, and high school levels.; and

WHEREAS, the winners of the elementary team division are Biscayne Elementary School (1st Place) and Norman S. Edelcup/Sunny Isles Beach K-8 Center (2nd Place) and the winners of the elementary class division are Eugenia B. Thomas K-8 Center (1st Place) and Spanish Lake Elementary School (2nd Place); and

WHEREAS, the winners of the middle school division are John F. Kennedy Middle School (1st Place) and Fienberg Fisher K-8 Center (2nd Place) and the winners of the high school division are Dr. Michael M. Krop Senior High School and New World School of the Arts (1st Place) and Alonzo and Tracy Mourning Senior High Biscayne Bay Campus (2nd Place); and

WHEREAS, the student participants in the 20th Annual H.O.P.E. Contest along with their teachers are to be commended for raising awareness about the pet overpopulation problem in our community in an effort to decrease shelter intake; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 15-052 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida recognizing the student winners of the 20th annual H.O.P.E. Contest.

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

Presented this thirteenth day of May, A.D. 2015

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary