

Dr. Martin Karp, Vice Chair

**SUBJECT:                   REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION NO. 18-030 OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS' 2018 SUNSHINE STATE SCHOLARS MR. JACOB ROSENFELD AND KEVIN ORDET**

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

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Organized in 1997, the Sunshine State Scholars program was designed to recognize students, teachers, and schools that achieved excellence in mathematics and science. High school seniors participate in a statewide competition that requires the use of their basic knowledge of mathematics, statistics, physics, chemistry, and biology to solve interdisciplinary problems requiring independent and creative thinking. Students compete and are recognized at district and regional levels.

Today, the program has evolved from its original format. Each school district throughout Florida selects its top 11<sup>th</sup> grade student in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) based on established criteria. These Scholars, along with their parents and teachers, convene to receive recognition for their achievements. They also have opportunities to meet with representatives from Florida's colleges and universities, learn about STEM-related programs of study and internships, and experience why Florida is the best place to learn and pursue an exciting career in STEM.

High school juniors Jacob Rosenfeld, a Miami Beach youth attending the School for Advanced Studies and Kevin Ordet, attending Dr. Michael M. Krop Senior High School have been selected as the Sunshine State Scholars from Miami-Dade County Public Schools for 2018. They are the Miami-Dade County Public School District's top 11th grade students in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).

Jacob Rosenfeld has a weighted grade point average of 5.10 and has completed over 1000 hours of community service. Jacob is the founder of MathUP which recruits and trains high school students to provide math instruction and support to disadvantaged public middle school youth in mathematics. He has volunteered for the City of Miami Beach Parks and Recreation. Jacob has also participated in the Jewish Community Services Milk and Honey Elderly Outreach Program and was the Mitzvah Day Captain for Temple Beth Shalom which collected, organized, and managed activities for 25 children in foster care in Miami-Dade County.

Kevin Ordet has a weighted grade point average of 5.068 and he has accumulated 198 community hours. Kevin is on the youth leadership council for Make-A-Wish Foundation of Southern Florida. He is a chess tutor at Aventura Charter School working with the chess coach. He volunteers with baseball buddies, helping children with disabilities to learn baseball and have fun.

The Sunshine State Scholars event is a convergence of Florida's highest caliber STEM students, the universities that hope to enroll them, and employers who might soon be very pleased to have them on their team.

Recently, Jacob and Kevin joined the state's 100 other top 11th grade STEM students for an extraordinary two-day program. Together they conducted a "think tank" on tough Florida challenges. The two-day program culminated with the Commissioner of Education honoring each scholar for their significant academic accomplishments.

In addition to bringing together the scholars to be honored by the Commissioner of Education, representatives from Florida's colleges and universities will meet with the students and discuss higher education opportunities available to them in Florida.

Jacob and Kevin will both be attending a Governor's conference in May with other scholars to discuss the state's curriculum for science and math.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**DR. MARTIN KARP:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 18-030 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Miami-Dade County Public Schools' 2018 Sunshine State Scholars Mr. Jacob Rosenfeld and Mr. Kevin Ordet.

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RECOGNIZING MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS' 2018  
SUNSHINE STATE SCHOLARS MR. JACOB ROSENFELD AND MR. KEVIN ORDET**

**WHEREAS**, organized in 1997, the Sunshine State Scholars program was designed to recognize students, teachers, and schools that achieved excellence in mathematics and science; and

**WHEREAS**, each school district throughout Florida selects its top 11<sup>th</sup> grade student in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) based on established criteria; and

**WHEREAS**, high school juniors Jacob Rosenfeld, attending the School for Advanced Studies and Kevin Ordet, attending Dr. Michael M. Krop Senior High School have been selected as the Sunshine State Scholars from Miami-Dade County Public Schools for 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, they are the Miami-Dade County Public School District's top 11th grade students in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM); and

**WHEREAS**, Jacob and Kevin joined the state's 100 other top 11th grade STEM students for an extraordinary two-day program. Together they conducted a "think tank" on tough Florida challenges; and

**WHEREAS**, Jacob and Kevin will both be attending a Governor's conference in May with other scholars to discuss the state's curriculum for science and math.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 18-030 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Miami-Dade County Public Schools' 2018 Sunshine State Scholars Mr. Jacob Rosenfeld and Mr. Kevin Ordet.

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

**Presented this twenty-fifth day of April, A.D. 2018**

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CHAIR

ATTEST:

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Secretary