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ALL PRINCIPALS/AP'S/TEACHERS: Project Citizen State Showcase Winners *Category:*

Audience: All Principals/APs, All Teachers

Due Date: n/a Meeting Date: n/a

The Division of Social Sciences and Life Skills provides professional development to teachers to implement the Project Citizen program with students. Four schools advanced to the state competition for Project Citizen. The results are listed below.

- Project Citizen is a program implemented across the nation and world. The purpose of the
 program is to engage students in the legislative process by having them identify a community
 problem and propose a public policy solution.
- The program is sponsored by the Center for Civic Education, a global leader in civic education, and the Florida Law Related Education Association. The Division of Social Sciences and Life Skills provides professional development to teachers in order to implement the program with their students.
- Middle School students compete in a District held competition to select the best projects to participate in the state competition. Congratulations to the following four schools and teachers who advanced to the state competition:
 - o Centennial Middle School: Ms. Jesica Soria;
 - o Hialeah Gardens Middle School: Ms. Jackie Viana;
 - Miami Lakes Middle School: Ms. Lisa DeYarza; and
 - Southwood Middle School: Ms. Jacqueline Medina.
- The state Project Citizen Showcase was held in Orlando on Friday, May 21, 2010. The following two schools and teachers received awards at the state competition:
 - o Hialeah Gardens Middle School: Ms. Jackie Viana (Best Oral Hearing) and
 - o Miami Lakes Middle School: Ms. Lisa DeYarza (Best Portfolio).
- Miami Lakes Middle School won the competition for the entire state of Florida and will be advancing to the national competition.

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