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## **MIAMI-DADE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD TO AWARD PROJECT TO PROVIDE NORLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL WITH NEW BLACK BOX THEATER**

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### ***PRESS RELEASE FROM THE OFFICE OF DR. STEVE GALLON III***

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Dr. Steve Gallon III is proud to announce that at the July 18, 2018 School Board Committee Meeting, the School Board awarded a project to provide the award-winning students, teacher, and drama program at Norland Middle School with a Black box theater. Since early 2017, Dr. Gallon has advocated for this project and worked closely with the Superintendent to see that the \$3.2 million project happen.

Norland Middle School is home to the award-winning theater program that boasts accolades such as the Grammy Award winning film "Moonlight," which starred two of Norland's students, and featured another student in the highly praised "Black Panther," which is one of the most enthralling entries in the entire Marvel Universe.

"After the school received national and international awards, accolades, and recognitions, the Superintendent and I agreed that a state of the art, Black box theater was the most suitable learning environment in which our artistically gifted and talented students should learn and hone their craft. I want to commend the Superintendent for seeing this through and bringing this recommendation to the Board," Dr. Gallon said.

Dr. Gallon also commended Theater teacher Tanisha Cidel for her commitment and dedication to her students and her unrelenting spirit to go above and beyond the call of duty as an educator to see her students succeed. Ms. Cidel, Principal Ronald Redman, and the entire faculty and staff at Norland Middle School have demonstrated the importance of the arts in education and that there is more than one pathway to a life of learning and success.

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