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Crew vows to win award — next year

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WASHINGTON — Miami-Dade public schools chief Rudy Crew vowed Tuesday to return victorious next year to the nation's capital, minutes after losing a much-coveted education award to the New York City schools.

New York — Crew's previous employer — took home \$1 million and the 2007 Broad Prize for Urban Education, dubbed the "Nobel Prize of education."

Miami and three other top-performing school districts get \$125,000 for scholarships.

New York was one of five finalists for the prize — for the second year in a row, as was Miami.

But Crew said he wasn't disappointed.

"We're here," said Crew. "This just gives us all the more incentive for next year. If you keep at it, you win. That's what we tell our students and that's how we got here."

The annual prize is awarded to large urban school districts that demonstrate improvement in student achievement while reducing achievement gaps among poor and minority students.

