

Ms. Lubby Navarro, Board Member

Co-Sponsors:	Ms. Perla T. Hantman, Chair	}	Added
	Ms. Susie Castillo, Board Member		
	Dr. Steve Gallon III, Board Member		
	Ms. Maria Teresa Rojas, Board Member		

SUBJECT: COMMUNITIES OF EXCELLENCE 2026

COMMITTEE: FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY & GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

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Communities of Excellence 2026 is a non-profit organization that was established in 2010, to address the grand challenges facing our nation by focusing on four pillars: education attainment, economic vitality, safety and the health status of the residents. The organization has adopted the Baldrige framework, a systems-based approach based on a set of principles of performance excellence to drive learning for improvement and sustained, ongoing, meaningful systemic change.

In September 2017, five communities across the U.S. were selected to participate in Communities of Excellence 2026. A learning collaborative that will help to refine the Baldrige criteria for Community Performance Excellence and to identify the tools needed to support other communities as they implement them.

West Kendall, Miami Florida, along with Brookfield/Marceline, Missouri; Kanawha County, West Virginia; Maryville, Missouri; San Diego County's South Region, California are part of the first cohort to be chosen to participate. These communities have submitted their Baldrige-based Community Profile, to foster shared understanding and give insight to key internal and external factors that make up the community environment. On October 27, 2017, these five communities received the first-ever recognition for their 'Commitment to Community Excellence'.

West Kendall, one of the participating communities in the Communities of Excellence 2026 initiative, is a rapidly growing community located along the western edge of Miami-Dade County. West Kendall is entirely part of unincorporated, Miami-Dade County.

West Kendall Baptist Hospital, along with the Florida Department of Health through its Healthy West Kendall Coalition, are the anchor organizations driving the Communities of Excellence 2026 initiative. The coalition is using the Baldrige Criteria for Performance Excellence Framework to improve the health status, educational attainment, economic vitality and safety of the West Kendall community. Other organizations in the initiative are as follows; The Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Miami-Dade College, Florida International University, local business and local police and government.

Helping communities improve their performance is ultimately the best way to improve America.

This item has been reviewed by the School Board Attorney's Office and approved for legal sufficiency.

ACTION PROPOSED BY LUBBY NAVARRO:

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent to review the feasibility of collaborating and establishing a partnership with West Kendall Baptist Hospital for the Communities of Excellence 2026 initiative for the West Kendall area and report back to the Board no later than March 31, 2018.

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