

Ms. Maria Teresa Rojas, Board Member

**SUBJECT: MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD  
ENDORSEMENT OF OCTOBER 2020 AS NATIONAL  
PRINCIPALS MONTH**

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

**LINK TO STRATEGIC**

**BLUEPRINT: HIGHLY EFFECTIVE TEACHERS, LEADERS AND STAFF**

School principals set the academic tone for their schools and the vision, commitment, dedication, and will power of a principal delivers the mobilizing energy behind any school reform effort. Principals are expected to be educational visionaries, instructional leaders, assessment exerts, disciplinarians, community builders, public relations specialists, budget specialists, contractual and policy administrators, as well as being entrusted with the education and development of young people, our most valuable resources.

The month of October is designated annually as National Principals Month to recognize the essential role that principals play in school achievement and school success. A nationwide celebration of the principalship, National Principals Month, is an initiative of the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), the National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP), and the American Federation of School Administrators (AFSA).

National Principals Month is a widely recognized celebration of the principalship, marked by national and state resolutions supporting the event, as well as acknowledgement from U. S. Senators and Representatives, and top government officials. However, the most important National Principals Month celebrations are the ones that will take place in schools and communities across Miami-Dade County. The manner of celebrations will certainly vary, especially during these uncertain times as we continue to navigate uncharted waters due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, organizations, community groups, the PTA/PTSA, labor unions, the Dade Association of School Administrators (DASA), School Board Members, elected officials, the Superintendent of Schools, the administration, the media, and our students are encouraged to celebrate the outstanding work and commitment of Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) principals.

This item has been reviewed and approved by the School Board Attorney's office as to form and legal sufficiency.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY**

**MS. MARIA TERESA ROJAS:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, endorse October 2020, as National Principals Month in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.