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ALBERTO M. CARVALHO ACCEPTS SUPERINTENDENCY OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Alberto M. Carvalho today accepted an offer to lead Miami-Dade County Public Schools as Superintendent of Schools. He announced his decision at a packed afternoon press conference attended by elected officials, community supporters, parents and co-workers.

Carvalho promised to lead the school district with honor and commitment, vowing to mend fences and fix relationships in the district and the community. He spoke to the audience of the need to honor the people most directly responsible for educating students -- the teachers.

"We want to hear a resounding applause for the value of what a teacher does in the community," Carvalho urged. "Applaud for that."

Carvalho began his career with Miami-Dade County Public Schools as a science teacher. He was soon promoted to Assistant Principal, launching a long and distinguished career in administration. He has served as the school district's Public Information Officer and as Associate Superintendent over a variety of areas, including intergovernmental affairs, grants, Title I, and community services.

Carvalho has forged strong relationships with local governments, community organizations, and parent groups. He is responsible for the development of 10 compacts with Miami-Dade County and several municipalities, which have helped strengthen the partnerships between the school district and the cities to benefit students and the community.

As head of the District's intergovernmental relations, Carvalho has spent countless days in Tallahassee and Washington, D.C., helping to shape legislation that impacts students and their families.

Terms for a contract between the School Board and Carvalho will be negotiated in the days ahead.

Carvalho was also selected to lead Pinellas County Schools. He declined that offer earlier today.

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