

Ms. Maria Teresa Rojas, Board Member

**SUBJECT: THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
SALUTES AND HONORS THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2020**

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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While thousands of students and parents in Miami-Dade County Public Schools have adapted to distance learning which began in mid-March, high school seniors have been left with no easy way to see and connect with their friends and few of the rituals that mark the end of high school and a move to adulthood. Many are looking forward to going to college or the world of work, but the uncertainties ahead are quite challenging. They also know that being a part of the Class of 2020 is a story they will be telling their children and grandchildren as they are very much aware that they are living through an unprecedented historic moment.

For many senior students, sheltering at home means missing milestones and public recognition of their achievements. Many are missing the loss of important developmental stages they were supposed to be doing at this time in their lives. The Superintendent of Schools has informed the Board that “graduations will take place in a blended format comprised of virtual graduation ceremony and senior recognition activities that will occur in late summer or winter.” These activities will be grandiose and celebrative for all our seniors, their parents and family members, and their teachers.

Whether it is Grad Bash, or the Senior Prom, or the ultimate experience, the graduation ceremony, our seniors deserve all the recognition, admiration, and support that we as a School Board can provide. It is with this emphasis of support and hope for a brighter future that we need to formally salute and honor our graduating seniors. We will remember the Class of 2020 for their citizenship, their commitment to the future, their resiliency, and for the wonderful years they experienced in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

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, Miami-Dade County, Florida, salutes and honors the graduating seniors of the Class of 2020.