

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Chair

**SUBJECT: THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
JOIN IN RECOGNITION OF THE 2021 AMERICAN FEDERATION
OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES (AFSCME)
SUPPORT PERSONNEL OF THE YEAR**

COMMITTEE: PERSONNEL, STUDENT, SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

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The Miami-Dade County Public Schools family is comprised of essential support personnel who ensure that our students can learn in an organized, safe and healthy environment. Every year, the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) honors outstanding members of this unit for their exemplary work and valuable contributions to the School District. This year, the winners are:

Mr. Ronald Hush, a Head Custodian at South Dade Technical College, was named the overall winner of the 2021 AFSCME Support Personnel of the Year. Mr. Hush has worked for the District for over 20 years, starting as a school security monitor in 1998. He takes pride in keeping his school clean and sanitized. He leads by example and sets high expectations for his staff. In addition to his work, Mr. Hush also finds time to mentor young people in the community as part of the 5000 Role Models program at Richmond Heights Middle School.

Mrs. Betty Parrish, a School Bus Attendant at the South Transportation Center, was named the 2021 AFSCME Support Personnel Winner in the Transportation category. Mrs. Parrish has worked for the District for more than 25 years, starting as a school security monitor in 1994. Mrs. Parrish is a consummated professional who understands the critical role she plays in providing her students with safe and reliable transportation every day. In addition to her work, Mrs. Parrish is a passionate for community service, specifically helping children. She is a state certified foster and adoptive parent and a licensed minister.

Mr. Roger DePena, a Material Handler II at Stores and Mail Distribution Center, was named the 2021 AFSCME Support Personnel Winner in the General Services category. Mr. DePena has worked for the District for almost 40 years. In his role, he is responsible for receiving, processing, and handling thousands of dollars in parts and supplies for the District. Mr. DePena is highly respected by his colleagues and consistently produces high quality work with minimal supervision, while ensuring a safe workplace for all.

Ms. Shawna Collins, a Food Service Manager II at American Senior High, was named the 2021 AFSCME support personnel winner in the Food and Nutrition category. Ms. Collins has worked for the District for almost 25 years, starting as a Baker Assistant in 1996. Ms. Collins is an enthusiastic and passionate member of her school community and understands that her work creates long-lasting memories for her students. In addition to her job responsibilities, for the last three years Ms. Collins has assisted with the Summer Training Institute, ensuring that food service employees have the skills needed for a successful school year.

Mr. Ronald Hush, Mrs. Betty Parrish, Mr. Roger DePena, and Ms. Shawna Collins are to be commended and celebrated for their commitment to excellence. Their dedication and work ethic have been essential to our students' success.

This Agenda Item has been reviewed and approved by the School Board Attorney's Office as to form and legal sufficiency.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY CHAIR
MS. PERLA TABARES HANTMAN:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 21-008 recognizing Mr. Ronald Hush for being named 2021 American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Support Personnel of the Year, and Mrs. Betty Parrish, Mr. Roger DePena, and Ms. Shawna Collins for being named Support Personnel Winners in their respective categories.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-008
OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, RECOGNIZING
MR. RONALD HUSH, MRS. BETTY PARRISH, MR. ROGER DEPENA, AND
MS. SHAWNA COLLINS

WHEREAS, Mr. Ronald Hush, a Head Custodian at South Dade Technical College, was named the overall winner of the **2021 AFSCME Support Personnel of the Year**. Mr. Hush, a veteran of over 20 years with the District, takes pride in keeping his school clean and sanitized. He leads by example and sets high expectations for his staff. Mr. Hush is also a mentor to young people in the community through the 5000 Role Models program at Richmond Heights Middle School; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Betty Parrish, a School Bus Attendant at the South Transportation Center, was named the **2021 AFSCME Support Personnel Winner in the Transportation category**. Mrs. Parrish has worked for the District for more than 25 years. She is a consummated professional who understands the critical role she plays in providing her students with safe and reliable transportation every day. Mrs. Parrish is a passionate for community service, specifically helping children. She is a state certified foster and adoptive parent and a licensed minister; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Roger DePena, a Material Handler II at Stores and Mail Distribution Center, was named the **2021 AFSCME Support Personnel Winner in the General Services category**. Mr. DePena has worked for the District for almost 40 years. In his role, he is responsible for receiving, processing, and handling thousands of dollars in parts and supplies for the District. Mr. DePena is highly respected by his colleagues and consistently produces high quality work with minimal supervision, while ensuring a safe workplace for all; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Shawna Collins, a Food Service Manager II at American Senior High, was named the **2021 AFSCME Support Personnel Winner in the Food and Nutrition category**. Ms. Collins has worked for the District for almost 25 years. She is an enthusiastic member of her school community and understands that her work creates long-lasting memories for her students. Additionally, for the last three years, Ms. Collins has assisted with the Summer Training Institute, ensuring that food service employees have the skills needed for a successful school year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ronald Hush, Mrs. Betty Parrish, Mr. Roger DePena, and Ms. Shawna Collins are to be commended and celebrated for their commitment to excellence. Their dedication and work ethic have been essential to our students' success.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve Resolution No. 21-008 of The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognizing Mr. Ronald Hush, Mrs. Betty Parrish, Mr. Roger DePena, and Ms. Shawna Collins.

A copy of this resolution is placed in the permanent records of this Board.

Presented this twenty-first day of April, A.D. 2021

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

CHAIR

ATTEST:

Secretary