Office of School Board Members April 27, 2022
Board Meeting of May 18, 2022

Ms. Perla Tabares Hantman, Chairman

Co-Sponsors: Dr. Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall
Dr. Marta Pérez
Ms. Maria Teresa Rojas
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SUBJECT: **RECOGNIZE THE SEAL OF BILITERACY IN MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS (M-DCPS)**

COMMITTEE: **ACADEMICS, INNOVATION, EVALUATION & TECHNOLOGY**

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN: **RELEVANT, RIGOROUS, & INNOVATIVE ACADEMICS**

On September 9, 2015, the School Board unanimously approved agenda item H-14, proffered by School Board Chair Perla Tabares Hantman, approving the creation of the Seal of Biliteracy in Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS). Beginning with the class of 2015-2016, graduating students with demonstrated mastery in a second language become eligible for this recognition.

In enacting this initiative, the School Board marked another chapter in its long history as a strong supporter and advocate for bilingual education in our schools. The Seal of Biliteracy in M-DCPS honors the efforts of students who achieve a high level of competency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in one or more Word Languages. It also indicates said level of skill to college admission officers and future employers. Since inception, more than 10,000 students have been awarded the Seal of Biliteracy in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

This item seeks to recognize the Seal of Biliteracy in Miami-Dade County Public Schools for honoring graduating students who achieve a high level of competency in one or more Word Languages.

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

ACTION PROPOSED BY CHAIRMAN MS. PERLA TABARES HANTMAN: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, recognize the Seal of Biliteracy in Miami-Dade County Public Schools for honoring graduating students who achieve a high level of competency in one or more Word Languages.

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